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## World

Russia's terror fight: President Vladimir Putin appointed a former se-curity service officer and diplomat to be his envoy dealing with the fight against terrorism and trans-border

crime, the Interfax news agency reported. Putin named as his anti-terrorism envoy Anatoly Safonov, who served in both the So viet-era KGB and its successor, the Federal Security Service, where he rose to be first deputy director. He also served as a deputy

foreign minister beginning in 2001.

Prime Minister Mikhail Fradkov, meanwhile, announced that the government would devote \$103 million this year to urgent anti-terrorism measures, Interfax said

orea nuke talks: A senior U.S. diplomat on Tuesday accused North Korea of deliberately stalling six-nation negotiations aimed at getting Pyongyang to dismantle its nuclear weapons programs, as he met Japanese diplomats in an effort to find a breakthrough in the talks.

The United States, North and South Korea, Japan, China and Russia have met for three rounds of six-nation talks, but little progress has been made. A fourth round slat-ed for September never took place because the North refused to attend.

"Unfortunately, I don't have a good crys-tal ball regarding North Korea," U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage said

Philippines ferry attack: A Muslim militant accused of planting a bomb that killed more than 100 people on a Philippine ferry wanted an even bigger blast but couldn't fit more explosives into the TV set that he used, a key witness has told investigators

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After initially downplaying the possibility
of a terrorist attack, President Gloria
Macapagal Arroyo on Monday linked the
al-Qaida-linked Abu Sayyaf group to the
Feb. 27 explosion and fire that gutted the Superferry 14.

Among those charged with multiple counts of murder are Abu Sayyaf chieftain Khaddafy Janjalani and alleged bomber Habil Dellosa. Janjalani remains at large, while Dellosa was arrested in March

Haitian riots: Gunfire crackled around Haiti's capital as hundreds of mourners gathered to bury five police officers killed in a week of violence pitting supporters of the U.S.-backed government and ousted Presi-

dent Jean-Bertrand Aristide.
Photographs of three officers who were beheaded sat beside their cremated remains in a police academy where the funer-als were held Monday, while the open cas-



Diana memorial closure: The Princess Diana memorial fountain in London's Hyde Park is to close again within the next few weeks to replace grass that has become worn out and sodden with water splashed from the fountain. Workers also will install steel bars below bridges over the fountain to prevent children from climbing under and becoming trapped.

kets of two others shot to death were prepared for burial as mourners sang hymns.

## States

WTC insurance trial: World Trade Center leaseholder Larry Silverstein suffered a financial blow earlier this year when a feder-al jury ruled that for insurance purposes, the planes hitting the twin towers on Sept.

 2001, constituted one event — not two. His lawyers were hoping that in the second round of the legal battle, a jury could be convinced otherwise. Jury selection was scheduled to begin Tuesday.

Silverstein argued in the first trial, which ended in May, that he should receive \$7 billion, or twice the \$3.5 billion insurance policy on the trade center.

Tour bus crash: A federal investigator said the driver of a tour bus involved in a deadly crash apparently had been driving all night without backup.

"We need to look at hours of service," said National Transportation Safety Board investigator Gary Van Etten. "What he did during the daytime hours would be of great interest to us so we could evaluate any possi-ble fatigue that he might have had."

The crash Saturday along Interstate 55 north of Marion, Arkansas, killed driver Herbert Walters and 13 Chicago-area passengers on their semiannual trek to a Tunica, Mississippi, casino.

Sex toy arrest: The case against an adult novelty store employee accused of displaying sex toys was dismissed on Monday by an El Paso County Criminal Court judge.

Judge Alma Trejo granted a defense motion to dismiss the case against Sergio Acos-ta, manager of Tres Equis in El Paso, Texas. A spokesman for the El Paso County District Attorney's Office said the ruling will be appealed.

Acosta was arrested on Sept. 25 as part of an El Paso Police Department sting opera-tion after he had allegedly displayed and described the use of a sex toy to a female police officer.

Gav marriage: The U.S. Capitol at their backs, supporters of gay marriage pleaded, demanded and sang out for equal rights Monday, hoping they will succeed in the long term but mindful of the hostile political environment they face today

Opponents of gay marriage, led by Presi-dent George W. Bush, are trying to amend the U.S. Constitution to outlaw gay and lesbian marriages. Voters in 11 states will consider such amendments to state constitutions in November, and most, if not all, are expected to pass. Even many politicians friendly to gay rights say they oppose same-sex mar-

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# **Storm winds cause Yokosuka ships to collide**

BY NANCY MONTGOMERY Stars and Strines

YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan — Trees snapped, mud slid, a roof blew away, a porta-potty tipped over — and just minutes before it was supposed to start, the Navy Ball was postponed. If that weren't enough, Saturday's typhoon sent the USS Vincennes out of its berth and into the USS Coronado,

damaging both ships. A Pacific Fleet team of investigators was on its way to Yokosuka to determine why the Vincennes was blown from its berth and into what had for months served as Seventh Fleet flagship, moored two berths over. But everyone already agrees that it started with the winds from Typhoon Ma-on

Winds gusting to 91 miles per hour and sustained winds of up to 72 miles per hour snapped the lines tying the ship to the pier.

"I was shocked when I saw us pulling away, and we were free, floating," a Vincennes sailor said. "There really was nothing we could do

Cmdr. Mark J. Englebert, the Vincennes captain, could not be reached for comment Tuesday

# Lines holding USS Vincennes to pier snap as typhoon-strength gusts unexpectedly hit base

casters had predicted that the storm would not bring sustained winds of 58 miles per hour or - the standard for when naval bases are recommended to go into "Tropical Cyclone Condi-tion of Readiness 1." Instead, the

base was on "storm watch." "Storm watch" means that although destructive winds are not forecast to occur, there is still a possibility of danger because of the storm's nearness and the nossibility its course could alter, said Lt. Allon Turek, assistant operations officer at the base Naval Pacific Meterology and Oceanography Center.

But for two periods of about 10 minutes each, Turek said, Saturday's storm did bring sustained destructive winds, starting at about 5:15 p.m.

About half an hour later, about 5:45 p.m. or so, according to base spokesman Mike Chase, Yokosuka went into Tropical Cyclone Condition Emergency 1 and the base gates were shut.

But the Vincennes already had broken loose, at about 5 p.m., according to a news release. There was some concern it might hit the USS Chancellorsville, berthed next to it — which some sailors said the Vincennes crew actively tried to prevent. They cut the re-

chor and started the ship's en-None of it worked. The anchor dragged, the engine was started too late to propel the ship to sa ty and, a sailor said, they were pointed in the wrong direction to steer it anyway

maining lines, dropped their an-

The hit punched several holes above the waterline on the starboard side of the Vincennes. The damage to the Coronado was "minor," according to naval offi-

Both ships remained "mission " according to Lt. Cmdr Mark Boyd, a Seventh Fleet spokesman

"I think we came out with the best possible outcome," a sailor 'We could have run aground.

That would have been worse." Naval public affairs officers would not comment on the inci-

Saturday was the second time in as many months that a tropical storm nushed a ship herthed at Yokosuka somewhere it was not supposed to be. In September, the USNS Yukon, an oiler, was grounded on soft mud about 400 vards from its anchored position during wind gusts of 51 mph from

Typhoon Songda At the base weather center, Lt. Turek said the "storm watch" warning should have been sufficient for people to take precautions. "The potential for destruc-tive winds is there," he said.

Yokota Air Base was in a high er level of alert because the Air Force, which must protect planes, has different readiness standards from the Navy, which focuses on keeping its ships safe. Wind gusts of more than 58 mph will send Air Force bases into the highest state of readiness, which the Navy doesn't enter until expecting sus tained winds of more than 58

Turek acknowledged that the center's forecast - sustained winds of 46 mph and gusts of 69 mph - was a little bit off.

'We wish we could forecast to 100 percent. If we could, we'd be the golden child of the scientific community," he said. "We issue a storm watch for ones that we feel there's a possibility for this to go awry. In this case, that's exactly what happened. It did alter its track and give us winds that were in excess of what we forecast.'

By Tuesday afternoon, most of the debris and damage the storm caused had been cleared away 'As we speak, the only cleanup op eration that is ongoing is beautification — crews picking up leaves and small branches," said Yokosuka spokesman Chase. Chase said no monetary dam-

age estimate was available yet. But he said. Saturday's storm caused more damage than any since 1996's Typhoon Violet, which brought wind gusts of more than 115 mph.

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# Holiday travel plans? Check passports now

# Embassies warn: Don't wait until you're at the airport to realize they've expired

BY DAVID ALLEN Stars and Stripes

URASOE, Okinawa -- If you're going home for the holidays, the staff that takes care of passports at your closest U.S. embassy or consulate has a favor to ask of

Take a look at your passport right now and make sure it's still valid

"One of the biggest problems we have during the holidays is people don't realize their passports have expired," said Kaoru Agena, one of four people at the U.S. Consulate in Okinawa who process the paperwork for some 5,000 passports a year. "It's not uncom-

mon for us to get a call from the airport from some one who is in a panic because they have tickets for the next flight back to the States and they're stuck because their passports expired." She remembers one family

with five children that called the consulate begging for emergency passports.

"It's not as uncommon as you might think," said co-worker Sumie Higa. "In 2003 we issued 432 emergency passports and for the first eight months of this year, we have issued 158.3

All military members and their dependents must start the process of obtaining or renewing passports with their military pass port office.

U.S. Embassy officials in Tokyo agree it's crucial that Americans verify their passports' expiration dates, particularly before holiday

"Every year, some Americans have their holiday or vaca-

tion travel plans spoiled when they realize PASSPORT belatedly that their passports

> and there is nothing the embassy can do to help them," said embasthem sy spokeswoman Judith Bryant. Emergency

have expired

ports can be issued only for life-or-death emer gencies, she said, Individuals who forgot them or overlooked an expiration date

aren't eligible to receive one She declined to say how many emergency passports have been issued over the past two years, saying only that the U.S. Embassy issues them to "all who need them for real life-or-death emer-

Bryant said passports can be renewed up to six months before expiration. The normal processing time is three weeks, but that could take longer during peak pe-

# Bundles of joy mean mountains of paperwork

Can't wait to show off your new baby to family in the States? You'd better get started on the passport paperwork.

Parents of newborns often do not realize how long it takes to get passports for babies born overseas. Some parents want to take their habies back to the States as soon as possible to be with their families but neglect to do all the paperwork in time for the flight they booked.

"It is very important to start the passport pro-cess as soon as the child is born," said Kinney Yumi, who handles passport processing at the U.S. Consulate on Okinawa. "Usually it only takes a month, but sometimes the parents don't take that into account

She said the consulate handles approximately 100 passports for babies every month — 1,310 in 2002, 998 last year and 1,014 for the first eight months of this year.

All military personnel and Americans covered by the status of forces agreement should initiate the process as soon as possible after their children are born, she said.

In terms of paperwork, she said, having a baby overseas is more complicated than having a baby in the States

"Some parents are surprised to hear about all the documents they will need in order to get a baby a passport and a Consular Report of Birth Abroad," she said. To begin the process, parents need proof of their

U.S. citizenship, proof of the baby's birth, proof of

other travel plans.

At Misawa Air Base in north-

ern Japan, both the Air Force and

the Navy have passport offices to

help servicemembers and depen-

dents with passport issues, includ-

their marriage to each other and proof of the termination of any of their previous marriages. And the documents must be originals, not copies.

All of that documentation must be submitted with an application for a Consular Report of Birth. passport application, two identical photos of the baby and fees.
"It's important all the paperwork be original cop-

ies, usually with a raised seal," Yumi said. "We can-

ies, usuany wind a raiseu seai, 1 min said. we can-not accept photocopies or notarized copies." Starting Dec. 1, processing passports for all ba-bies born after Nov. 1 will be given priority, she said. "This is the annual holiday rush. This way ba-bies born before the holidays can travel home with their parents. Also, remember that children's pass ports are valid for only five years. Please make sure your child's passport is still valid when you go on vacation.'

Another frequent problem, said Kaoru Agena of the U.S. Consulate on Okinawa, involves ac-tive-duty personnel who did not realize they might need a passport to travel to certain countries while on duty

"There are many countries active-duty military members can travel to with just their ID cards and military orders," she said. "But that depends on where you go.' She recommended that all servicemembers

transferring or deploying with their unit to another country check whether they need a passport. "Remember, it may take a month to receive your

passport," she said

- David Allen

"We encourage people not to wait," she said, "but to apply ing renewal and extension of offi-Call DSN 226-3121 for more incial and tourist passports, accordearly so they can avoid unnecesing to Misawa snokesman Tech sary worries about holiday and Set. Mikal Canfield.

Official passport renewal, completed in Washington, D.C., takes about two months: a tourist passport renewal, issued from the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo, takes about 4 weeks, Canfield said.

Information also is available at

the U.S. Embassy's Web site for American Citizen Services at www.tokyoacs.com.

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# 'Remembering our Marine brothers'

# Camp Fuji to honor 13 servicemembers who died in '79 fire

BY VINCE LITTLE Stare and Strings

Marines at Camp Fuji, Japan, will pause Friday morning for their annual fire memo-

rial ceremony. The observance marks the Oct. 19, 1979, blaze that claimed the lives of 13 Marines and injured dozens more. The gasoline fire was triggered by a powerful typhoon that raked the area with high winds and torrential downpours

Retired Fuji fire chief Akira Katsumata, who answered that tragic call a quarter-century ago, will be the guest speaker. Local Japanese dignitaries and governGarrison, Fuji schools, Gotemba, Oyama and Susono also will attend the 8 a.m. commemoration.

Fuji's command element will play key roles during the ceremony, which is being conducted by Sgt. Maj. Randolph L. Mitch-

In October 1979, Typhoon Tip, then the strongest storm to reach mainland Japan in 13 years, brought 115 mph winds and heavy rains to Fuji. More than 1,250 Marines from Camp Schwab, Okinawa, were being housed in Quonset huts on the instal-lation's upper half for training.

A fuel farm, which consisted of two rub ber storage bladders kept in place by a retaining wall, sat just up the hill. After rains from Tip eroded the wall and allowed a bladder to break free, hoses sprang loose,

releasing 5,000 gallons of gasoline. The fuel skimmed the water's surface and ran across upper Fuji and into the Quonset huts. Shortly after 1:40 p.m., a

Firefighting vehicles arrived on the cene within 10 minutes. Emergency units from Takigahara Garrison, Gotemba City and the Gotemba-Oyama Fire Department also responded, By 3:45 p.m., the blaze was under control but still not extinguished en-

Fifty-one Marines and three Japanese nationals were injured: 15 huts were destroyed and several other buildings were

damaged.

Casualties were evacuated to local hospitals in Gotemba, Atsugi Naval Air Facility, Yokosuka Naval Base and Yokota Air Base, as well as Brooks Army Medical Center in San Antonio. Vehicles and ambulances from Fuji Schools and Takigahara Garrison supported the transport, while Atsugi's Headquarters, 3rd Detachment of the USS White Plains, a combat stores ship, provided airlift support for helicopter evacuaOf the 54 people taken to medical facili-ties, 13 Marines later died from their inju-

A bell will ring Friday as the names of all A bell will ring Friday as the names or au Ja are called out: Pfc. Robert L. Brees, Pfc. Thomas J. Breunig, Lance Cpl. Willie Davis Jr., Lance Cpl. Pailip E. Dupont, Pfc. Tyrone C. Elem, Lance Cpl. Ernest E. Guti-errez, Pvt. Gregory L. Hassel, Pfc. Roger A. Larson, Lance Cpl. L.C. Malveaux, Cpl. Colim Miller Jance Cpl. Orlando E. Sando-Colim Miller, Lance Cpl. Orlando E. Sando-val, Lance Cpl. Robert V. Smith Jr. and

Lance Cpl. Stephen R. Turner.

Lance Cpl. Anthony J. Garcia said the annual Camp Fuji Fire Memorial Cerem holds significant meaning for today's Ma-

rines.

"Remembering our Marine brothers is a mandatory thing to do," he said. "When Ma-rines make the ultimate sacrifice, we have a duty to remember that sacrifice. I find it an honor to stand at attention and pay trib-ute to those who have fallen before me." E-mail Vince Little at:

# STAR card rate going up in November

The interest rate for the Military STAR card will go up to 9.75 percent — from 9.5 percent — starting with the November billing period, Army and Air Force Exchange officials announced Tuesday. AAFES spokeswoman Army Sgt. 1st Class Amanda Glenn said the

hike is based on the Federal Reserve's rate increase. The Federal Reserve amounced Sept. 21 that it would raise the prime rate to 4.75 per-cent. The Military STAR card's interest is the prime rate plus 5 percent. "This affects interest rates across the board," Glenn said. Customers will receive notification of the rate change in their Octo-

ber statements.

New purchases after the November billing period constitute accep-tance of the revised interest rate, according to an AAFES news release. The rate increase does not apply to Military Clothing Plans, special promotions already in existence or to customers on deployment whose balances are treated under special conditions or have balances at reduced rates

## Navy secretary to visit sailors on Guam

Secretary of the Navy Gordon England is to arrive on Guam Thursday to visit with commanding officers and sailors, according to a Commander Naval Forces Marianas news release

Rear Adm. Arthur J. Johnson, the CNFM commander, invited England to the Navy's 229th Birthday Ball on Friday. The secretary will meet with sailors, Coast Guard members, and local government and ss officials during his stay.

England also is to be the guest speaker at the Coast Guard Cutter Se-quoia commissioning ceremony Friday at 10 a.m. at U.S. Naval Base Guam, the news release stated. His wife, Dotty, is the cutter's sponsor. The 22-member ceremonial Seventh Fleet Band is scheduled to play

at the morning event, which will be attended by Guam's delegate to the U.S. Congress, Madeleine Bordallo; Guam Gov. Felix Camacho; Rear Adm. Charles Wurster; the Coast Guard District 14 commander and



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**IMPORTANT** 

# **U.S.** on a pre-Ramadan offensive U.S. deaths in Iraq

# Insurgent strongholds pounded from the air and ground

BY ROBERT H. REID The Associated Press

BAGHDAD- U.S. troops went on the offensive Tuesday against insurgent strongholds west of Baghdad, pounding militant positions from the air and supporting Iraqi soldiers in raids on mosques suspected of harboring extremists.

The operations were launched ahead of Ramadan, which is expected to start at the end of the week, and appeared aimed at preventing a repeat of the insurgent offensive that occurred at the start of the Muslim holy month last year.

Some of the sharpest clashes took place in Hit, 90 miles northwest of Baghdad, where residents and hospital officials said U.S. air-

craft attacked two sites, killing two people, the hospital said. The U.S. command had no comment.

Tuesday's fighting in Hit occurred one day after U.S. helicop ters fired on a mosque there and set it ablaze after the U.S. military said insurgents opened fire on Marines from the sanctuary.

Meanwhile, Iraqi troops backed by U.S. soldiers and Marines raided seven mosques in the Sunni insurgent stronghold of Ramadi. arresting a locally prominent member of a Sunni clerical association and three other people.

U.S. officials said bomb-making materials and "insurgent propa-ganda" were also seized in the mosques, but angry residents of Ramadi, 70 miles west of Baghdad, accused the Americans of breaking down doors and violating the sanctity of city mosques.

This cowboy behavior cannot be accepted," said cleric Abdullah Abu Omar. "The Americans seem to have lost their senses and have gone out of control."

However, the raids followed an upsurge in insurgent attacks in Ra-madi, and the U.S. command accused the rebels of violating the sanctity of the mosques by using them for military purposes. Marine spokesman Maj. Francis Piccoli said U.S. troops provided backup but did not enter the mosques.

In Fallujah, the focal point for Sunni resistance, residents reported explosions and clashes on the eastern edge of the city late Tuesday afternoon.At least five people were killed and four injured.

The renewed activity around Fallujah followed a pair of predawn airstrikes on the city, which the U.S. command said targeted hide-outs and meeting places of the feared Tawhid and Jihad, the terrorist organization responsible for numerous kidnappings and beheadings of foreign hostages Tuesday's airstrikes in Falluiah

occurred as Iraqi officials were in talks with city representatives to restore government control

# in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Friday, 1,064 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to the Defense Department. Of those, 809 died as a result of hostile action and 255 died of nonhostile causes. The figures include three military civilians. There was no weekend update.

The British military has reported 67 deaths; Italy, 19; Poland, 13; Spain, 11; Bulgaria, six; Ukraine, eight; Slovakia, three; Thailand and the Netherlands reported two each; and Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Hungary and Latvia have reported one death each

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 926 U.S. military members have died - 700 as a result of hostile action and 226 of nonhostile causes, according to the military's numbers as of Friday. The latest deaths reported by

the military: ■ Two soldiers were killed Monday in a rocket attack in

Raghdad A soldier was killed Monday when a car bomb detonated

ar a convoy in Mosul, Iraq. ■ A Marine was killed Saturday in Anbar province, Iraq.

The latest identifications reported by the military:

Army Pvt. Jeungjin Na Kim, 23, Honolulu; killed Wednesday in Ramadi, Iraq, when patrol attacked; assigned to 2nd Battalion 17th Field Artillery, 2nd Infantry Division, Camp Hovey, South Korea. Army Pfc. James E. Preve-te, 22, Whitestone, N.Y.; killed

Sunday in Habbaniya, Iraq, in a vehicle accident; assigned to the 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment, Camp Greaves. South Korea

■ Army Pvt. Carson J. Ramsey, 22, Winkelman, Ariz.; killed Sunday when a car bomb exploded in Baghdad; assigned to 2nd Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regi-ment, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort





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# Two cases challenge stop-loss program

BY RONE TEMPEST

Los Angeles Times

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Amid yellow ribbons and farewell banners at a ceremony for Iraq-bound troops here last week was one anonymous combat veteran waging a last-minute federal court battle to

stay home.

The California National Guard soldier, identified as "John Doe" in a lawsuit filed Oct. 1 in Sacramento U.S. District Court, contends that the military's controversial "stop-loss" program to involuntarily extend enlistments is illegal when applied to National Guard soldiers, about 40,000 of whom are deployed in the U.S. occupation

f Iraq.

17 in San Francisco that involves another California National Guard soldier under orders to Iraq, the lawsuit is seen as the first serious court test of the so-called backdoor draft, in which thousands of National Guard and Reserve troops have been called on to meet increasing military manpower needs in Iraq.

wiltimately, this is about fairness," said San Francisco attorney Joshua Sondheimer, who represents both California soldiers. "It is not fair or appropriate to put the burden of having an expanded military on the backs of those people who have al-

ready done their duty."

The "backdoor draft" has become a part of the presidential debate, with Democratic candidate John F. Kerry speaking against it.

And the opposition is not strictly partisan. Arizona Sen. John McCain and other Republicans also have spoken against the

But Lt. Col. Michael Jones, chief of recruiting and retention at National Guard headquarters in Washington, said the two soldiers represent the views of a tiny minority of those whose terms of service have been involuntarily extended.

"It is only two individuals out of 200,000 who are taking this action," said Jones, who also said he doubted that any veteran soldiers would be surprised or caught off-guard by the involuntary call to duty.

The twin California cases are being taken seriously in Washington, where the Justice Department assigned veteran government attorney Matthew Lepore to han-

"Stop-loss is at the heart of the military decision-making process," said Washing, ton attorney Matthew Freedus, a former Navy lawyer and specialist on military law. "If anybody gets traction on this, I think there would be a flood of cases."

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Both of the California soldiers now in federal court are combat veterans who signed up under the National Guard "Try One" program reserved for veterans. The program, offered nationwide, allows the recruit to bypass basic training while enjoying military education and family medical

benefits on a one-year trial period.

Before the soldiers' one-year enlistment expired, however, they were called up under a stop-loss program for 18-month tours that include training and deployment



# IN THE WORLD

# **U.N.** helicopter fetching Afghan ballots crashes

# No one hurt, but vote count delayed

BY STEPHEN GRAHAM

The Associated Press

KABUL. Afghanistan gine failure downed a U.N. helicopter sent to collect ballot boxes from northeastern Afghanistan on Tuesday, injuring no one but injecting a fresh glitch in efforts to tally the results of the country's landmark election.

The accident came as a panel of foreign experts began probing irregularities in Saturday's vote alleged by rivals to front-running interim leader Hamid Karzai

The complaints have stalled the start of vote-counting, though offi cials were hopeful the tally could begin Wednesday. Final results could take until late October.

The helicopter had yet to pick any ballot boxes when it crash-landed in a snow-field in the Pamir mountains of Badakhshan province, said David Avery, chief of operations for the U.N.-Afghan body managing the vote.

The American military said one of its C-130 transport planes dropped emergency supplies including sleeping bags and food to the three crewmembers, three election workers and two police officers on board.

The group took shelter in an abandoned house, and the U.S. military said in a statement that another helicopter would attempt a rescue on Wednesday

Avery said the loss of the Russian-made Mi-8 would slow the recovery of voting papers from Badakhshan, one of the country's most inaccessible provinces. Donkeys have also been used to bring ballot boxes from remote villages "It's at such an altitude that it's unlikely to be recoverable, Avery said

The massive task of counting the results of this war-rayaged nation's first-ever Western-style vote was also being slowed by faulty pa perwork accompanying some of the boxes flooding into regional counting centers. Avery said

Chances for a conclusive out-come were on firmer ground after several of Karzai's challengers backed away from a boycott of the vote, indicating they would accept an independent commission to probe vote-fraud charges.

Karzai is the clear favorite to win, but his ability to consolidate his rule would be undermined if the opposition refused to acknowledge the vote results.

An exit poll conducted by an American group projected Karzai would win with the outright majority needed to avoid a second round, though it has yet to release detailed findings

Ethnic Tajik candidate Yunus Qanooni, considered Karzai's closest rival, announced Monday he would accept an investigation by independent experts into opposi tion complaints that the supposedly indelible ink used to mark voters' thumbs in some polling stations could be rubbed off, allow ing some to vote more than once.

There were indications another rival, ethnic Uzbek warlord Abdul Rashid Dostum, might be considering backing down as well. Dostum traveled to Kabul on Tuesday from his home in the north, and his spokesman said he was consid-

ering accepting a compromise.

The candidates had until Tuesday afternoon to submit formal

Election officials said Oanooni and two other candidates were complaining about a shortage of ballot papers in some areas as well as problems with the ink.

Election organizers agreed to the independent panel in hopes it would end a crisis begun when all opposition candidates clared the boycott Saturday



Four men and three women were found dead in this partially covered van, seen at a police station in Chichibu. The car was parked at an isolated mountainside lot near Tokyo early Tuesday in a suspected group suicide.

# Japan suspects 9 deaths were part of suicide pact

The Associated Press

TOKYO - Nine bodies were found in two parked cars Tuesday with charcoal stoves at their feet and the windows sealed from inside in what is believed to be Japan's largest group suicide pact.

In one case, police rushed to a van in a deserted lot outside Tokyo after receiving a call from a friend of a victim, but they failed to reach it in time, finding seven dead - four men and three women including teenagers and a 33-year-old mother, a police spokes-

The other two women were in a rented car at an isolated temple in Yokosuka, about 60 miles southwest of the capital

Police said there were striking similarities between the two cases. Evidence of a failed joint attempt by two of the women - one from each group to kill themselves on Oct. 4 had led investigators to believe the suicides might had been planned together. Jananese media quoted nolice as saving.

The discoveries were the latest in a rash of suicide pacts that have left dozens of Japanese dead in re-cent years. Many of the cases involving people from distant parts of the country started by meetings over the Internet, sparking calls for the government to shut down suicide message boards.

The seven found slumped in their seats in a rented van in Saitama prefecture northwest of Tokyo was the largest-known group to commit suicide together, said a National Police Agency official, who demanded anonymity.

Suicide pacts have been made over the Internet since at least the late 1990s, and have been reported everywhere from Guam to the Netherlands. But

they've been happening in especially large numbers in Japan, where the suicide rates are among the world's highest

More than 32,000 Japanese committed suicide last year, a record. Between January 2003 and June 2004, 45 people

committed suicide in groups after meeting over the Internet, according to the National Police Agency. Suicide Web sites are easy to find. They post dis-claimers about the dangers of their content, which

includes death wishes and exchanges on methods of dving. Some Japanese-language sites feature lists of materials necessary for self-asphyxiation and

ready-made kits for sale.

In Tuesday's case, officers found the van with seven inside after getting a call from a friend of one of the victims who had received an e-mail hinting at

A woman sat in the driver's seat, while the six others sat in two rows behind her. The van windows were sealed with vinyl tape from the inside, and four charcoal stoves were on the floor.

Police found several suicide notes but no external wounds or signs of a struggle. Investigators think the seven poisoned themselves by inhaling lethal doses of carbon monoxide, the spokesman said.

The two women, whose car was near an isolated temple in Vokosuka, also were found with charcoal stoves at their feet. The car's windows were sealed with a black plastic tarp.

Japan's government has blamed a decade-long economic slump for an increasing number of people, especially middle-aged men, killing themselves. Younger people have said bullying, romantic breakups or abusive family members made them want to kill themselves



Alona Pliveva, right, and classmates cry over a display of children's shoes at school No.1 in Beslan, Russia, on Tuesday, the end of the 40-day mourning period.

# In Russia, thirst for revenge replacing grief

BESLAN, Russia - Wailing and pounding their hands on dirt graves, hundreds of black-clad Ossetians marked the end of the traditional 40-day mourning period for the children and adults killed after terrorists seized a school on the first day of classes.

With the end of the mourning, fears are rising that fits of grief may become outbursts of violence against the Ingush, a rival ethnic group whose mem-bers were among the raiders who seized School No. 1. Top federal and regional officials have appealed for calm, but seething anger is replacing sorrow felt by nearly all Ossetians. "I can promise you there will be vio-

lence," said a 47-year-old man outside the school who gave only his first name, Ruslan, "[The Ingush] are all bandits."

The school's broken and shattered remains yet again became the epicenter for the anguish of those whose relatives and friends died in the Sept. 1-3 hostage-taking. In the charred ruins of the gymnasium — where more than 1.000 people were held without food or water in sweltering heat for three days schoolchildren lit thin prayer candles

and people propped up small religious icons and photographs among the flowers and stuffed animals.

Across Russia, priests read Masses in Orthodox churches and cathedrals, while regional politicians urged calm amid rumors that the end of the mourning period would bring a wave of revenge killings.

Former Ingush President Ruslan Aushev has repeatedly warned that revenge attacks could destabilize the entire Caucasus. But Russian authorities have vowed to prevent acts of vengeance, dispatching hundreds of extra police and troops to the region.

# **Republican group** to sue over DOD policy on gays

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A pro-gay Republican group plans to file a law-suit asking a federal court to over-turn the U.S. government's "don't ask, don't tell" policy covering gays

in the military Leaders of the Log Cabin Republi-Leaders of the Log Cabin Republi-cans said the suit would be filed Tuesday in federal district court in Los Angeles. The "don't ask, don't tell" policy, put into place in 1993 during former President Bill Clinton's administration, allows gays and lesbians to serve so long as they do not disclose their sexual orientation and do not engage in homosexu-

The group's attorney, Marty Meekins, denied there were politi cal motivations behind the an-nouncement, which came a day before a debate over domestic issues between President Bush and Democratic challenger Sen. John Kerry, and three weeks before the presi dential election.

The Pentagon under Bush has maintained the policy, while Kerry has said he would let gays serve openly in the military.

about correcting a misguided gov ernmental policy based on preju-dice toward gay and lesbian Ameri-' Meekins said.

While it's not the first challenge of the "don't ask, don't tell" policy, Log Cabin officials say they are encouraged by a historic Supreme Court decision in 2003 that struck down a Texas law that made homosexual sex a crime

The court, in the ruling, said that what gay men and women do in the privacy of their bedrooms is their business and not the domain of government.

In response to the Log Cabin suit, Pentagon spokeswoman Lt. Col. Ellen Krenke said in a statement that the military implemented "don't ask, don't tell" because of a federal law that "would need to be changed to affect the department's

A report earlier this year from the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network found that 787 gays and lesbians were dismissed from the mili-tary over "don't ask, don't tell" in 2003, down 39 percent from 2001.

# Congress passes spending bill with 3.5 percent raise for troops

Stars and Strings

ARLINGTON, Va. - Democrats and Republicans came together over the weekend to iron out their differences over the National Defense Authorization Bill, resulting in a \$445.6 billion piece of legislation that will now go to President Bush for signing.

The bill includes an across-the-board 3.5 nercent pay raise for all men and women in uniform, rather than the targeted raises suggested by Pentagon officials

And worried about servicemembers stretched thin by repeated deployments in Iraq and elsewhere, Congress also boosted the Army's end strength by 20,000 and the Marine Corps' by 3,000 by the end of October 2005, the end of the government's fiscal year.

Other key provisions include:

■ Making permanent the increased rate for imminent danger pay from \$150 to \$225 per

■ Making permanent the increased rate for family separation allowance from \$100 to \$250 per month

■ Extending several special pays and bonuses for active-duty members and reservists. ■ Elimination of out-of-pocket housing expens-

■\$10 billion for military construction and

housing ■ Enhanced Tricare benefits for reservists and family members.

■ Six months of coverage made permanent for all personnel separating from active duty ■ Elimination of Social Security offsets to the Survivor Benefit Plan, a decades-old law that reduces benefits under the military's Survivor Benefit Plan by one-third for military widows after they attain age 62.

■ More than \$2 billion for force protection measures, including armor, munitions, commu-

nications and surveillance programs. ■ The legislation contains provisions to eliminate procurement obstacles and field commercially available technology as quickly as possible - the goal is no more than 15 days from a combatant commander's request to the contract award.

■ An increase of \$572 million to produce up-armored Humvees at a rate of 450 per month

■ An additional \$100 million for Vehicle

Add-On Armor Kits ■ An additional \$40.8 million for night-vision rifle sights.

■ Authorizes \$8.9 million for the Advanced Mine Detector, a lightweight, handheld, ground-penetrating radar.

■ A provision that will reimburse families who purchased body armor for servicemembers not issued the equipment during combat in Iraq and Afghanistan

■ Authorizes a multiyear procurement of 100 new aerial refueling tankers, replacing an Air Force leasing deal with Boeing that has caused enormous controversy both within the Pentagon and on Capitol Hill.

■ Requires a Stabilization Strategy on Iraq President Bush must produce a report on his strategy for stabilizing Iraq, including his strategy for standing up professional Iraqi security

The legislation sets policies, programs and funding levels for the nation's military, as well as the national security programs of the Department of Energy.

When Bush will sign the document into law has yet to be determined. White House spokeswoman Maria Tamburri said Tuesday.

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# Senate OKs tax relief for employers of guardsmen, reservists

BY SANDRA JONTZ

Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. - A congres sional amendment that would offer tax relief to small companies that continue to pay employees who also are National Guard members and reservists was removed from one congressional bill and added to another as lawmakers jockeyed to keep the measure alive

Sen. Mary Landrieu, D-La., struck a deal with Republican lawmakers over the holiday weekend that they would sponsor her amendment, now affixed to another bill, in exchange for her promise not to filibuster a \$136 billion package that cuts taxes for businesses

Protection amendment, estimated to cost about \$2.5 billion over 10 years, would give a 50 percent tax credit to employers who pay up to \$30,000 in lost wages for

those employees who take a pay cut when activated. Senators voted in favor of the

measure as part of HR 1779, the Guard and Reserve Finance Relief Act. which already has passed the House of Representatives,

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out having to pay penalties. Landrieu wants to have the

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HR 1779 would allow activated guard members and reservists to access their IRA funds early with

measure worked in the House's November lame duck session: however, it might not be acted on until a new Congress is seated in January, said Christin Tinsworth, a spokeswoman at the House Ways and Means Committee

"I simply don't know. When this came up the House had completed all its business for the foreseeable future," she said

The proposed measures are available at: http://thomas.loc.gov





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# **Human rights report** rips U.S. procedures

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - At least 11 al-Qaida suspects have "disappeared" in U.S. custody and some have allegedly been tortured in their undisclosed locations according to a report released Monday by Human Rights Watch.

The prisoners are likely being held outside the United States without access to the Red Cross or any oversight of their treatment, the report states. In some cases, the U.S. will not even acknowledge the prisoners are in

The prisoners include the alleged architect of the Sept. 11 attacks, Khalid Shaikh Mohammed, as well as Abu Zubaydah, who is believed to be a close aide to Osama bin Laden. Other prisoners profiled are Ramzi Rinalshibh, who allegedly could have been a Sept. 11 hijacker had he succeeded in obtaining a U.S. visa, and Riduan Isamuddin, known as Hambali, an alleged al-Qaida ally in Southeast Asia.

In refusing to disclose the prisoners' whereabouts or acknowlthe detentions, Human Rights Watch claims, the U.S. government has violated international law, international treaties and the Geneva Convention. The group calls on the government to bring all the prisoners "under the protection of the law."

"I think the U.S. demeans itself when it adopts the philosophy that the ends justify the means in the fight against terror," said Reed Brody, special counsel with Human Rights Watch.

CIA spokesman Mark Mansfield declined to comment on the report, given that the agency has not seen its contents

A U.S. counterterrorism official, speaking to The Associated Press on the condition of anonymity, said CIA policies and procedures on detention and debriefings have been the subject of very careful" scrutiny.

"Close attention has been paid to ensuring that these policies are lawful." the official said.

The report - titled "The United States' 'Disappeared:' The CIA's Long-term 'Ghost Detainees' " - acknowledges that many of the prisoners have provided valuable intelligence to U.S. officials

But it also cites reports that some detainees have lied under pressure to please their interroga-

Human Rights Watch has no firsthand knowledge of the treatment of these detainees. Much of the report stems from press accounts that have cited unnamed government sources acknowledging the torture or mistreatment of

## Clergy abuse claims

LOS ANGELES - Hundreds of sexual abuse claims targeting the Roman Catholic Church in California have converged into one of the most complex civil litigation cases the state's judicial system has ever faced. is ever faceu. More than 850 alleged victims

are suing dioceses throughout the state, with millions of dollars in potential settlements at stake in a legal battle that involves more than 300 attorneys and dozens of church insurers. The scope is so vast that the lawsuits have been lumped geographically into three consolidated cases, known simply as Clergy I, Clergy II and Clergy

After nearly two years, the pace of the complicated legal drama is finally starting to accelerate. Some trial dates have been set, Cardinal Roger Mahony of Los Angeles is expected to be deposed by year's end in cases relat-ed to his tenure in the Stockton and Fresno dioceses, and a hearing on public access to internal church documents is scheduled for Wednesday

Legal analysts and attorneys agree that the developments, all of which involve Northern California cases, will affect settlement negotiations that have dragged on for months in Southern California - though exactly how is less cer-

Trials in a handful of Northern California cases, scheduled for

March, May and June, could prompt settlements beforehand. Others say that, if there are a few multimillion-dollar jury verdicts. they could chill the ongoing talks in Southern California by giving plaintiffs inflated expectations and exhausting church resources

## New volcano dome

SEATTLE - Magma that has been rising inside Mount St. Helens finally pushed its way to the surface Tuesday and formed a new lava dome just behind the existing one in the volcano's crater, after weeks of earthquakes and steam eruptions.

The quakes subsided as the new lava emerged and cooled in the open air, suggesting molten rock from deep inside the Earth had found the path of least resistance by going around the old dome, said hydrologist Jon Major with the U.S. Geological Survey's Cascades Volcano Observatory in Vancouver, Wash.

Unlike the dramatic rivers of red-hot lava from Hawaii's volcano, St. Helens' extrusion of new rock was subtle and difficult to see from outside the crater. A lazy plume of steam rose slowly from the mountain for much of Tuesday, and word of the eruption came at a USGS news conference.

The last dome-building activity at St. Helens began in the months after its deadly May 1980 eruption and lasted six years.

From The Associated Press

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# **DOD** urges overseas GIs to vote absentee

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As part of a top-level policy aimed at getting active servicemembers to the polls, the Pentagon has designated this week, Oct. 11-15, as "Absentee Voting Week." Every military unit has been assigned a "voting assistance officer" to help would-be military vot-

ers in the process.

Demand for overseas absentee ballots is up more than 60 percent from the 2000 presidential election, according to the Department of Defense's Federal Voting Assistance Program. While it's not known how much of that increase is for military personnel, the election is a hot topic on the bases and at the front.

"We've had discussions about it on shift, on post, all the time—fairly heated discussions," said Ben Therriault, 22, an Air Force Senior Airman in Sacramento, Calif. "We're not supposed to do that, but it's definitally happening."

it's definitely happening."
All told, there are 2.3 million
members of the active and reserve
armed services, and they vote
69 percent participated in the 2000
election, according to Defense Department numbers, compared
with 51 percent of the overall eligible population.

Significant numbers of uniformed voters are registered in swing states such as Florida, which has more than 159,000 people in military service. That's a large enough number to decide an election, as in 2000, when absentee military voters helped George W. Bush win a recount in Florida that was marked by Republican charges that the Democrats were trying to keep out military ballots, a charge the Democrats denied.

With a push from Congress, the Pentagon is going to great lengths to ensure that U.S. servicementbers can vote this year, wherever they are. And with foreign policy, the Iraq war and terrorism among the top campaign issues, more fighting men and women are expected to have their say in who will be commander in chief.

But whether a significant number of military votes will go uncounted, as they did in Florida in

2000, remains an open question.
That's because despite the Pentagon's effort to inform troops about how to vote, the military remains hitched to a cumbersome, mostly paper-based system for voting across the globe.

Plans for all-electronic, Internet-based voting were scrapped earlier this year because of security concerns, and the Defense Department has scrambled to assemble a system for expanded balloting by fax and e-mail.

But not all states have signed on to all parts of the plan, leaving a mishmash of electoral regulations, procedures and deadlines outlined in a 379-page voter assistance guide for military personnel.



Army Sgt. George Scheutelse fills out an absentee ballot while voting in the American presidential and congressional election while at Camp Eagle in Baghdad on Oct. 6. Scheufele, 24 and voting for the first time, asid that the military's voter registration drive heat made it easy from the participate. Scheufele is from Harrington, Del. and is with the 2nd Battalion, 5th Cawalry Regiment of the 1st Cawalry Division.

Eighteen states missed a deadline recommended by the U.S. Election Assistance Commission to mail overseas absentee ballots at least 45 days before the election.

The delays result from late primaries, disputes over whether Ralph Nader should be on the ballot and fights over initiatives such as a same-sex marriage ban.

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That has put even more pressure on military voters to cast ballots quickly to ensure they arrive in time to be counted.

The supervisor of the voter registration process in Iraq says all but a few dozen of the more than 134,000 troops stationed there have been handed absentee ballot applications.

"We had a goal of 100 percent contact," said Army Capt. Ken De-Celle of Alameda, Calif. "We got to

99.98 percent."

"People are more confident that their vote will count this time," he said. "Everybody is so worried

about what happened in 2000, that if there is the smallest hint of something going bad, they squash it im-

thing going bad, they squash it immediately."

But whether a soldier mails in a ballot application, receives a ballot, fills it in correctly and sends it to the right place with a timely post.

to the right place with a timely postmark is something beyond De-Celle's control. "We do not take it to the mailbox for them," he said. Ballots that do make it to the mailbox probably will have a relatively quick trip home. Within the Military Postal Service Agency, ballots have priority for overseas Deputy Director Mark DeDomenic. "If any mail moves, this stuff will move first," he said.

On the domestic side, the U.S. Postal Service has promised to ship outgoing and incoming ballots via overnight mail between military overseas shipping stations in New York, San Francisco and Miami and more than 5,700 local elections boards, spokesman Jim Ouirk said.

Republicans predict that their traditional advantage among military voters will hold for a candidate who has declared himself a war president Democrats, who have nominated Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts this year, see the casualties and hardships of Iraq turning average enlisted troops, and even some junior officers, against Bush.

The Chicago Tribune and San Francisco Chronicle contributed to this story.

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# Bush, Kerry on the attack in run-up to final debate

DENVER - In a last-minute flurry of accusations before their final debate, President George W. Bush told supporters that Democratic challenger John Kerry cannot pay for his proposed domestic programs without a tax increase. Kerry, meanwhile, tried to tie Bush to record oil prices.

Bush campaigned Tuesday in the conservative heart of Colorado. Kerry had no public appearanc-

es planned Tuesday, using the day to prepare for the candidates' final debate on Wednesday in Arizona.

"As much as he's tried to ob-scure it," Kerry is a confirmed liberal, Bush said Tuesday. The presidential debates have "showed differences between the senator and me on issues ranging from jobs to taxes to health care to the war on terror," said the president, who underscored the importance that health care could play in the debate in Tempe, Arizona.

Bush said he has the answers to fix the health care system and that he won't wreck the federal budget in doing so.

He stressed the need for growth of community health centers to serve the poor and said the newly enacted legislation to revamp Medicare is helping senior citizens. He said Kerry's proposed changes would put millions into "a government program.

With a straight face he tried to tell Americans that ... the government has nothing to do with it,"

On Monday, Kerry lashed out at a president who has taken to Democrat calling the tax-and-spend liberal with a 20-year Senate record of voting in favor of tay increases

The record price of oil "means a lot more profit for this president's friends in the oil industry But for most middle class Americans, the Bush tax increase is a tax increase that they can't af-ford," Kerry said in New Mexico.

Bush, also campaigning in New Mexico, ridiculed Kerry for saying in an interview published Sunday in The New York Times Magazine, "We have to get back to the place we were, where terrorists are not the focus of our lives but

they're a nuisance."
"I couldn't disagree more," the
president said. "Our goal is not to reduce terror to some acceptable level of nuisance. Our goal is to defeat terror by staying on the offensive.

The Kerry campaign counterattacked, circulating a 2-year-old comment from Brent Scowcroft, the national security adviser in the first Bush administration, who said the United States can break the back of terrorism "so that it is a horrible nuisance, and not a paralyzing influence.



# Spinal cord research found its champion in Chrisopher Reeve

BY MARILYNN MARCHIONE

The Associated Press

By the time he died, Christopher Reeve had at last "escaped the cape" — he had become bigger than the Superman character he portrayed on screen.

he portrayed on screen.
Reeve championed cutting-edge research into spinal
cord injuries, offering himself as
a guinea pig for new therapies
and vowing he would one day
walk again. He never did. But his
dream is now a plausible one for
thousands of others who are paralyzed.

"The biggest hope is in biological research to allow the spinal cord to heal itself and even regenerate. That's just over the horizon but closer than ever before knot people feel within the next 10 to 15 years, somewhere within ou lifetimes," said Dr. Jack Ziegler, president of the American Spinal Injury Association.

Some even thought it would come in time for Reeve.

"I thought it was going to happen," said Dr. Doug Kerr, a Johns Hopkins University neurologist who works with steen cells—controversial research that Reeve advocated with superhuman strength even as he wheezed through a respirator from his wheelchair.

"It was Star Wars science fiction, this concept of rewiring the nervous system," but Reeve "thrust this field forward by leaps and bounds," Kerr said.

and bounds; "Kerr said.
Reeve died Sunday after developing a serious bloodstream infection from a bedsore, a common problem for paralyzed people. He went into cardiac arrest Saturday at his home in Pound Ridge, N.Y., then fell into a coma, dying the next day at a hospital. His wife, Dana, and other family members were with him.

As an actor and a man, Reeve embodied strength and athleticism and performed his own movie stunts, including his 1978 starring role as Superman. If made him famous but he longed made him famous but he longed cape" and take on other characters. He played a crippled vietnam veteran in the Broadway play "Fith of July," alovestruck time-traveler in the movie "Someplaywright in the suspense "Deathtrap". But real life — not a movie

But real life — not a movie — gave him the best opportunity to shed the cape and show extraordinary human powers. Reeve suffered one of the most severe spinal injuries possible when he was thrown from his horse and broke his neck during an equestrian competition in May 1995.

Aided by access to the best medical care available, Reeve endured years of therapy to allow him to breathe for longer periods without a respirator while tenaciously seeking a cure that would allow him to walk again.

"I refuse to allow a disability to determine how I live my life. I don't mean to be reckless, but set-



AP photos

Above: "Superman" memorabilia is displayed Monday at the Superman Museum in Metropolis, III. Below: "Superman" star Christopher Reeve became a real hero for some as a force for spinal cord research.

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ting a goal that seems a bit daunting actually is very helpful toward recovery," he said.

He sparked hope even in many skeptics in 2000, when he was

skeptics in 2000, when he was able to move an index finger. Motivated by success, he thrust himself even harder into workouts to strengthen his legs and arms.

Electrical stimulation of his muscles allowed him to regain sensation in some other parts of his body. Treatments advanced, too. Im-

provements in surgical techniques helped stabilize the spine more, and electrical stimulation and exercise therapy have helped many, according to Ziegler.

As Reeve transformed his body, he morphed into an advocate, first for better benefits for people with long-term disabilities, and then for science to help he 250,000 Americans who suffer paralysis. The Christopher Reeve Paralysis Foundation has given \$40 million to spinal cord research since he merged it with the American Paralysis Foundation in 1999.

some of that has been for embryonic stem cell research, a promising but contentious field of medicine that the Bush administration has severely restricted because it involves destroying embryos. Scientists think these early, all-purpose cells can be coaxed to form nerves and specialized tissues to repair a host of wors.

# Human skeleton found in N.Y. lot

NEW YORK — Authorities discovered part of a human skeleton in a vacant lot believed for years to be a graveyard for people ordered killed by the late mob boss John Gotti and other gangsters.

FBI spokesman James Margolin said the bones discovered Monday in Queens included a pelvic bone, a piece of a jawbone, ribs and leg bones. Also found were a watch and a pair of glasses. A forensic anthropologist was to examine the bones Tues-

In 1981, the body of Bonanno crime family captain Alphonse "Sonny Red" Indelicato was discovered at the lot by children who spotted his arm poking through the soil. No other bodies were found, but

some officials believed mob burials at the lot contin-

Last week, FBI agents and police detectives acting on a tip from an underworld informant began searching the lot for the remains of a half dozen or more victims dating back two decades or more. They include a man who vanished after he accidentally struck and killed the 12-year-old son of the "Dapper Don" in 1980.

The suspected burial ground is situated near John F. Kennedy International Airport. Dilapidated homes, abandoned cars and other empty lots dot the

Gotti was sentenced to life in prison for racketeering and murder in 1992 and died behind bars in 2002.

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# Actor Oliver Platt works to hone his craft

BY LUAINE LEE Scripps Howard News Service

hen he was little. Oliver Platt's family moved constantly There wasn't time for him to develon friends or revel in familiar places

That's one reason, he thinks, he

became an actor. "I lived in a lot of countries in the Far East because my father was in the Foreign Service. I was born in Canada and left after two

When the family returned to the States, Platt found there were two sides to the experience.

"One is it's all I knew so, in a way, you're being traumatized and you don't even know it. On the other hand, you're also seeing a lot of different stuff that nobody gets to see. It was just my life. I wasn't like 'poor me,' " he says.

"There's one of two things that happens to families who move a lot - either they blow apart and disintegrate very quickly because of the stress, or else they get very,

ter happened to me. I had this loving family — not that it was a cakewalk — but it made it a lot easier," says Platt.

He is co-starring in Showtime's fascinating new series, "Huff," premiering Nov. 7. It stars one of Platt's best friends, Hank Azaria. as a burdened psychiatrist

It was Azaria who sent Platt the script, urging him to take the part of the womanizing, cocaine-sniffing lawyer. Whatever extremities the part calls for, they're no prob-

lem for Platt

for 12 years, and the father of three kids, ages 10, 7 and 5, Platt says it was a wake un call when he had his first child at 34.

"That really refocuses your pri-orities," he says, rubbing his chin. "It's especially healthy for some-one in show business. You're surrounded by so much swirling clouds of [nonsense]." Even though he displayed

bright promise as an actor, he held back.

"I was always too smart to decide I could do this for a living,' he says. "I waited until it was hap pening to decide I could.

"I'm one of the few people I know that I'm doing what I was meant to do. This is what I was nut on the Earth to do, for better

or worse. Rob Lowry, creator and executive producer of "Huff," thinks that only Platt could master the moral extremities of his character on the show.

"[He's a] sex addict, womanizmisogynist, cokehead, alcoholic who is delightful and charm-That's what Oliver has ing. brought to this, among many



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# YOUR MONEY

# 5 common mistakes home buyers make

BY HOLDEN LEWIS Bankrate.com

Whether rates are high or low, whether it's a buyer's or a seller's market, mortgage borrowers make the same mistakes over and over again.

The lucky ones don't suffer any consequences. Others endure hardships varying from having to brown-bag it every day at work because money is so tight, to losing the house to foreclosure.

Here are five mortgage no-nos — mistakes for mortgage shoppers to avoid.

Shopping for a house before shop-

ping for a mortgage.
When Brian Peart, president of
Nexus Financial in Atlanta, meets
prospective mortgage clients for the first
time, he doesn't discuss rates and closing
costs. Not at the beginning, anyway. He
asks how much they're comfortable paying
for a house each month so they can afford
to save some money and pay their other expenses.

After his clients arrive at a realistic monthly payment, Peart can help them figure out the price range when they go house-hunting. The danger with doing it backward —house-hunting, then shopping for a mortgage — is that "people find the house of their dreams and find out they can't afford it. And after that they can never be satisfied," Peart says.

Diving into the unknown for the loan.

If you don't know anything about the mortgage lender's or broker's reputation, how can you feel confident that you're being treated fairly? If you don't shop around, how can you know that you

"They should get referrals from three people they trust and shop those three and



Prospective home buyers should calculate a realistic monthly house payment before house-hunting because people 'can never be satisfied' if they find a dream home they can't afford, says Brian Peart, president of Nexus Financial in Atlanta.

they will get a good deal," Peart recommends. "If they know a Realtor who's good, ask that person, but don't just go with that Realtor's suggestion."

Borrowing too much.

The most common mistake that first-time home buyers make is "not having a clear sense of what their true budget needs are going to be for the maintenance of their home, their household living and seeing how much it is going to add up to," says-ludy Lawrence, authon of "The Budget Kit, 4th Edition," and a budget coach who runs the Moneytracker Web estimates.

As a consequence of not planning their budgets carefully, these people end up buying houses they can't afford, Lawrence

nys. After making the mortgage payment they don't have enough money left over to enjoy themselves, save for retirement and the kids' college, buy appliances and furniture, and pay for the inevitable repairs, maintenance and upgrades that homeown-

Lawrence's clients estimate the costs for everything from maintaining the pool to getting an annual furnace checkup. "By the time you add all that up and divide that by 12 to see how much you need to save every month, people say, "My gosh, we need to make adjustments here," "Lawrence savs.

Borrowing too little.
You haven't borrowed enough if you spent your available cash on the down payment and closing costs, leaving little if any money to pay for things that new homeowners need, from trash cans to pruning shears.

"Every homeowner needs to have three to four months of emergency living expenes set aside," says Susan Hunt, housing counseling manager for Consumer Credit Counseling Service in Atlanta. "Many people, when they buy, will scrape together every dime to make a down payment and furnish the house. They have no reserves to draw on."

Ways to prevent this problem include saving up more before buying a house, buying a cheaper house or getting a Federal Housing Administration-insured loan and down-payment assistance from a nonprofit agency.

Borrowing too much and borrowing too little are both sides of the same coin: Buying a house that's too expensive. That error stems from making the mistake of hunting for a house before shopping for a mort-

Not asking the right questions.

"The first warning sign that I can see is if you don't understand the type of mortgage the salesperson is pushing on you," Peart says.

About one-third of borrowers are getting adjustable-rate mortgages.

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Not really. But in the same way that a responsible gun owner treats all firearms as if they are loaded, a responsible homeowner treats an adjustable-rate mortgage as if the rate will rise to its maximum someday.

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Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2946
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# Cents and Sensibility Money tip of the day

# Cut home-heating bill

CBS MarketWatch

NEW YORK — Love and marriage go together like a horse and carriage, and so do cold weather and high heating bills. But with oil prices remaining high, warming your home this winter could be twice as costly.

As temperatures drop, make it a habit to be more energy-efficient.

Here are a few suggestions:

Take advantage of heat

■ Take advantage of heat from activities you already do, recommends www.TipKing.com, a Web site that offers money-saving tips for households

- Cook meals to generate warmth.
- When you shower, leave the bathroom door open to spread hot steam throughout your home. Still, consider cutting your time in the shower by half.
- Always wear socks at home, because your feet are very sensitive to cold. If you get chilly, put on a sweater or wrap

yourself in a blanket before turning up the thermostat.

- If you own a water bed, make your bed each morning, advises the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy. Covers keep heat in the bedding.
- Keep your thermostat a few degrees lower than usual. You won't notice much change in your home's temperature, but you'll save on heating costs.
- Lower the thermostat when you leave for work, or whenever you won't be home for a long period of time. (Be sure to keep it high enough to prevent pines from freezing.)
- Minimize your use of ventilation fans, including those in your bathroom and kitchen. They pull warm air out of a room very quickly.
- Cover windows at night, advises USA Today. The heavier the window covering, the more you'll keep out cold air. Remember to uncover the windows during the day to allow sunlight to naturally heat your home.
- Wash clothes in cold water.

# THURSDAY EVENING / OCTOBER 14 2004

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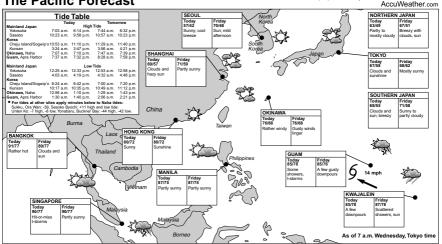
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# The Pacific Forecast

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## **Extended Forecasts**

Saturday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 73, low 59. Sunday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 61, low 52,

## KADENA

Saturday: Periods of clouds and sunshine,high 78, low 70. Sunday: Periods of clouds and sunshine.high 78. low 70.

## SEOUL

Saturday: Partly sunny, high 71, low 47 Sunday: Mostly sunny, high 70, low 46

## MANILA

Saturday: Partly sunny, high 87, low 74. Sunday: Partly sunny, high 87 low 73

# HAGATNA

Saturday: Thunderstorms, high 87, low 74. Sunday: Thunderstorms, high 87, low 74.

# Tuesday's USA Temperatures

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Thursday, October 14

# U.S. Extended Forecast

Low pressure will track into the Great Lakes Thursday. Rain will drench much of the Ohio Valley and mid-Atlantic states. Meanwhile, New England will stay dry with some sunshine. The Southeast will have windy and cool conditions despite some sunshine. Dry weather is expected across the Plains. A few showers may occur in the northern Rockies. High pressure will keep the Pacific Northwest dry and warm. Cool and damp conditions will be the rule in the Northeast and Midwest Friday and Saturday. Sunshine will accompany dry weather in the Southeast. Storms may bring some rain to the Northwest; otherwise, the West will experience more rain-free weather. Texas and the southern Plains will have beautiful weather.

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## Park budget woes

CA SACRAMENTO — California has stopped acquiring land for state parks for the fore seeable future because it cannot afford to staff and maintain new parkland, according to a newspaper report.

Facing a budget deficit next year of up to \$10 billion, state public works officials quietly decided in March to stop accepting or buying new parkland, the San Jose Mercury News reported in Saturday editions

Following outcries from environmentalists and conservationists, however, the California Public Works Board agreed Friday to add 1,000 acres of redwoods to Castle Rock State Park in the Santa Cruz Mountains.

But in a compromise with park supporters, the board also decided to keep the newly acquired acreage unmarked and closed to the public to save money

# Trying to free freighter

FORT LAUDERDALE -Workers pumped fuel from a 600-foot freighter in an attempt to refloat the vessel after it ran aground near a South Florida

The Panamanian-flagged Federal Pescadores, transporting cement, ran aground Wednesday about a half mile offshore while attempting to anchor at Port Everglades. It was carrying 588 tons of hunker oil and 105 tons of diesel fuel

The Coast Guard said there were no signs of pollution from the fuel transfer and there were no injuries

The Florida Marine Research Institute said divers would survev a reef in the area to deter-

mine if there was any damage. The grounding was under investigation

# Vintage planes destroyed

VAN BUREN TOWN-SHIP — Fire swept through an aviation museum hangar that housed vintage aircraft. destroying the building and the planes inside.

No injures were reported in the fire Saturday at the Yankee Air Museum at Willow Run Airport, officials said. Several historic planes that were parked outside the hangar were unscathed. The cause of the fire at the air-

nort 25 miles west of Detroit was not known. A spokesman for the Wayne

County Airport Authority, which owns and operates the airport, did not immediately return a telephone message.

The Yankee Air Museum includes functioning historic aircraft, fixed displays and historic artifacts, according to the its Web site. Its centerpiece was the 1941 hangar that burned Saturday night, which was part of a plant built by Henry Ford to produce World War II bombers on assembly lines like those used at his automotive factories

## Diver attacked by shark

KAHULUI — A diver from in critical condition after being attacked by a shark in waters off Molokai's south shore Saturday,



# **AMERICAN** ROUNDUP

Maui County fire officials said. The man was diving at the Kupeke Fishing Pond off Pukoo when he was attacked around

12:40 p.m. near a wall about 200 yards from the beach access, authorities said. "He was diving alone and he

had got bitten by a shark," Maui County Assistant Fire Chief Frank Tam said. "He was screaming, some residents and bystanders came to his aid, saw that he had an injury and called 911. He was bitten front to back in his shoulder area."

Authorities said the man, whose name and age weren't immediately released, was taken by helicopter to Maui Memorial Hos-

# Mom's neglect charges

NV LAS VEGAS — A woman has been charged with child neglect more than 18 months after her two daughters were stabbed during a break-in while she was out gambling.

Tamara Ann Bergeron was charged Friday with 18 counts of child neglect and abuse. Her boyfriend Robert John Schmidt was also charged.

Authorities said 11-year-old Brittney Bergeron and 3-year-old Kristyanna Cowan were stabbed by two teenagers who broke into their mobile home when Bergeron and Schmidt were out gambling in January 2003.

Cowan died in the attack and Brittney Bergeron was paralyzed. Police said the teens, who have

since been arrested, were retaliating after being ripped off during a drug deal with Bergeron and Schmidt



Pumpkin princess Dressed as Cinderella, Erin Hunter, 4, makes sure she chooses the perfect pumpkin in a patch among many during Pumnkin-Palooza in Michigan

Bergeron's attorney did not immediately return a call for comment

# Protest at parade

DENVER — More than 200 sign-waving and chanting protesters were arrested Saturday after blocking a Columbus Day parade for more than an hour, police said.

Police said they began making arrests after ordering the group of about 600 protesters to leave when the parade was about a block away

The 230 protesters who were arrested were charged with loitering and disobedience to a law-

ful order. There were no reports of vio-

lence or injuries. Police said the protesters,

many of whom were American Indians, gathered at the state Capitol, then marched to the parade route in downtown Denver

Most carried signs, including one that read "Not Genocide, Celebrate Pride" and another showing a crossed out picture of Columbus with the word "savage" over

Adam K. Becenti, a University of Colorado-Boulder student of Navajo descent, said the protest was meant to educate people about the inaccuracies in history hooks

But Carter Barnard, a member of the Sons of Italy in America, said the protesters had no right to delay the event.

## Six killed in arson fire

PA PHILADELPHIA — A fast-moving arson fire killed six people in a rowhouse before dawn Saturday, four of them children, police said.

Authorities concluded that the fire was set deliberately after nolice dogs smelled an accelerant, and have ruled the deaths homi

The house in the North Philadelphia neighborhood was engulfed in flames when firefighters arrived. Five of the victims died at the scene

The sixth, a 2-year-old boy, died after being taken to the hospital, officials said. "The heat was very intense,

even for the firefighters trying to make their attempts at rescues. police Capt. Richard Ross said. The victims were two adults

and four children, ranging in age from 2 to 12, fire officials said

# Really bad trip to dentist

CA SAN DIEGO — A tiger named Awang Relak could help keep his species from becoming extinct, zoo officials say, but first he needs to do something about his teeth.
The 240-pound Indochinese

tiger was anesthetized and strapped to a medical table at the San Diego Zoo on Friday so a dentist could clean out pockets of infection and pry smaller teeth away from larger ones.

While that was going on a veterinarian was probing the 3-year-old's private parts, making sure his sperm count is good enough that he'll be able to mate with female tigers when he's older

"He was a fabulous patient. said veterinarian Nancy Boedek-



Frightfully busy season Vicki Rimkus prepares one of the mannequins displayed Thursday at Cedar Point amusement park near Sandusky, Ohio. Theme parks nationwide are transforming themselves into dark and spooky Halloween attractions at a time of year that once was a slow period but now is one of the husiest.



Soaring to new heights Village Mills, Texas, turns a flip as he springs through the air on "The Poweriump," at the the 35th annual Texas Rice Festival in Winnie, Texas.



Lynn Rosskamp gets Norbert, her Colorful costume pet rat, ready for the costume contest during the RatsPacNW Fall Rat Show on Mercer Island, Wash.



Seeing double

Idaho Junior Miss candidates are reflected in a mirror as they rehearse with



A great way to travel

Craford Notch in Harts Location, N.H. The line at one time was used for freight but now is used for tourist travel, as are many other railroad lines in the Northeast.



Time to hang

Sea lions and seals hang out on the docks at the East Mooring Basin on Sunday in Astoria, Ore. When the salmon head upriver, the sea lions move to the docks several times a year.



Walking for a cause Hundreds of supporters take to the streets on the campus of Central Texas College to show their support for the American Heart Association during the annual Heart Walk in Killeen. Texas.

# Police officer cleared

BAYTOWN — An internal investigation by the Baytown Police Department has determined an officer did nothing wrong when he used his Taser gun against a woman while arresting her.

This is the third time that Micah Aldred, 28, has been cleared of any wrongdoing in the case, The Baytown Sun reported Sunday.

In January, a Harris County jury acquitted Aldred on charges of using excessive force against Naomi Autin during a dispute at her brother's home.

Naomi Autin during a dispute at her brother's home. After he was acquitted, Aldred was reinstated back into the department following five months

of paid leave.

The jury's decision came after a federal ruling by the U.S. Department of Justice that Aldred

did not violate Autin's civil rights. She accused him of unnecessarily zapping her with his stun gun three times in July 2003, then throwing her against a pole, which left her with a head gash

## Nazi deportation case

that required stitches.

PA SHARON, Pa. — A man facing deportation because he served as a guard at two Nazi concentration camps said he was forced to join the unit that guarded the camps or face death. The U.S. Department of Justice

wants to revoke the citizenship of Anton Geiser, 79, a retired Pennsylvania steelworker who was born in Croatia. The department said Geiser hid his service in the Waffen SS from U.S. officials when he immigrated in 1956.

The department said Geiser was an armed guard at the Sachsenhausen concentration camp near Berlin from January to November 1943 before being transferred to the concentration camp at Buchenwald.

But Geiser, who does not deny he was a guard at the camps, said the U.S. visa application did not ask him to reveal his service and that the law did not require him to volunteer information. In papers filed in federal court

in Pittsburgh, Geiser also said he was drafted as a 17-year-old in German-occupied Yugoslavia in 1942 and that his service in the SS "was entirely involuntary and ... performed on pain of death."

## Suit against filmaker

SANTA FE — Three former high school class-mates of "Dazed and Confused" director Richard Linklater have filed a lawsuit claiming they have suffered embarrassment and ridicule because of characters based on them in the movie.

The men — Bobby Wooderson,

Andy Slater and Richard "Pink" Floyd — say Linklater did not get their permission before creating three characters in the 1993 cult classic sharing their surnames and likenesses.

The suit was filed Thursday in Santa Fe against Universal Studios, which released the film.

The movie follows the drugand alcohol-fueled hijmks of teenagers on the last day of school in May 1976. The men said the negative characterizations in the film have made their lives miserable and caused their neighbors to think poorly of them.

"We had fun in high school, but there is nothing true about that movie. Yet I am having to deal with it all the time," said Floyd, who works at a car dealership in Huntsville, Texas, where the men went to high school

runnisvine, rexas, where the men went to high school. Ernest Freeman, one of the plaintiffs' attorneys, said Slater has also had problems because people make assumptions that he takes illegal drugs.

## Officials charge suspect

DETROIT — The father of a 3-year-old beaten to death in an attack on her day care center was arrested Saturday, a day after he was named as the suspect in the rampage that also left two women hospitalized with gunshot wounds.

Bernard Kellv. 37. of Detroit.

Bernard Kelly, 37, of Detroit, was taken into custody Saturday evening, Detroit Police Officer Jeremy Aguayo said. An arrest warrant for Kelly listed charges of murder, assault with intent to commit murder and felony firearms possession, The Detroit News reported Sunday.

Police initially reported that 3-year-old Stefanie Belue had been shot to death, but later said she was fatally beaten in the Sept. 28 attack.

The warrant came after one of the victims named Kelly as the assailant, Officer Glen Woods said. Annette Rice, 41, the day care's

operator, and Sherita Griggs, Rice's 22-year-old niece, were shot and critically wounded. Both remained hospitalized Saturday. Police said Griggs regained consciousness Eriday and identified Kelly

ness Friday and identified Kelly. Rice remained unconscious and in critical condition.

## Players' rape charges

NEWARK — Two football players accused of raping a 15-year-old schoolmate have been charged with sexual assault, authorities said.

The two Montclair High School players, ages 15 and 16, were charged with kidnapping, aggravated sexual assault, conspiracy and other charges, officials said. Their names were withheld because they are juveniles

The two turned themselves in on Friday, said Montclair Police Chief David Sagagh.

Sagagh said the two boys scagagh said the two boys of Monday, plus a third boy who is also a member of the football team, then drove to a park. The chief said the third boy, who is cooperating with police, left before the assault after becoming uncomfortable with the situation.

Montclair Superintendent of Schools Frank Alvarez said Friday that the two boys had been suspended from school and removed from the football team.

# Tainted registration rolls

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## Bad service for servicemembers

I would sure like to thank all those folks at Army and Air Force Exchange Service who decided to make sure our gas prices were the same as in the States. They were probably right is assuming that we would experience culture shock when we returned home and found a disparity in pump prices between Okinawa and the United States We would not want anyone living overseas to have an unfair advantage over all those folks back home. Many people love living in strange lands but, the fact remains: they are far away from friends, relatives and the American way of

I would not mind the higher gas prices so much if I thought the services at the base gas stations would improve. A while back I went for an advertised "quick" oil change, which in the States would take about 20 minutes, but I was told to leave my car and they would have it ready for me by the end of the day. I guess my definition of "quick" is somewhat different than theirs. I can't wait until I need new tires.

One of the complaints we hear about working conditions in the United States is that a lot of jobs are being outsourced in order to reduce the cost of business while improving customer service. Maybe if we outsourced the base gas stations to one of the large oil companies, such as Chevron Texaco, Royal Dutch/Shell or ExxonMobil, we just might get more service for our money.

Come to think of it, we could have Wal-Mart run our base exchanges, and Marriott International Inc. run billeting. We already have Burger King and KFC feeding gobs of people on base.

I don't mind naving higher prices if it means better service, improved customer support and quality products. But please do not tell me you are doing me a favor when, in reality, nothing changes and my wallet gets smaller. I don't need that kind of help.

Clifton Jester Kadena Air Base, Okinawa

## Teed off at Sungnam fees

Well, let's see. The Army and Air Force Exchange Service's gas is up to \$2.96/gallon, five-day CDS child care is at \$171, a half-gallon of milk is \$3.50. Would these prices cause you any alarm if such increases were unilaterally implemented with no explanation offered and no chance to comment?

Apparently membership reaction and input is not a concern to those who manage Sungnam Golf Club Annual dues there have just skyrocketed by similar proportioned increase percentages as reflected in the above examples. The members there are being made to endure a maligned version of the federal mantra - nav more. enjoy it less — whether it be the dues increase, poor tee time and waiting list allotment and procedures, slow play or myriad other issues - without so much as a tip of

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the hat by the powers that be as they pass

Complain to the Advisory Golf Council, you say? If you could get its members to meet (apparently no meetings since April 2003) with the membership who they are suppose to serve, at Yongsan, during or after work/duty hours, I dare say that will be "when pigs fly." Any takers?

Ouentin Walsh Yongsan Garrison, South Korea

# Nader. Democrats' scapegoat

I am getting sick of hearing people say it is stupid to support Ralph Nader because he has no chances of winning. It is stupid to vote for a candidate that is considered the "lesser of two evils." Saying that if you vote for Nader vou are "throwing" your vote to President Bush does not make sense to me, considering that if I did not vote for Nader, I would most likely vote for Bush, not because I like him but because I am disgusted at the dirty tricks used by the Democrats (such as swelling Nader's convention then refusing to sign his petition), and their attempts to use minor technicalities to keep him off the ballot.

The Democrats should work on improving their campaign, so people do not feel the need to vote for a third party. If Sen. John Kerry was a capable candidate. he would not have to worry about losing votes. Kerry is hurting Nader's chances, not the other way around.

Cpl. Mike Curt Futenma Marine Corps Air Station, Okinawa

# AFN withheld gridiron history

My sons and I were looking forward to getting up at 2 a.m. to watch football over the weekend, until I read the schedule and I couldn't believe what I saw. I guess I just assumed that American Forces Network would carry the biggest football game since the Super Bowl. I regret making

such an assumption because, when I realized the truth by reading the schedule, I was utterly disappointed.

The New England Patriots broke the NFL record for most consecutive wins by beating the Miami Dolphins in a game that began at 1300 EST. Instead of showing that matchup, which surely was memorable and record-breaking in nature, the AFN wizards chose to show a matchun of two struggling teams, Cleveland and Pittsburgh. This reminds me of last week when the Patriots were snubbed by AFN when they tied the record against the Buffalo Bills (it was CBS's game of the week). Patriots fans missed that game as well.

Not only are the Patriots world champs, they also rewrote sports history by winning their 19th consecutive game over two seasons. This represents an amazing accomplishment that even the casual football observer should find interesting. I think this accomplishment would be greater than or equal to witnessing Barry Bonds 700th home run or Cal Ripken's 2,131st consecutive game played.

I can't imagine that the Steelers/Browns would actually attract more viewers, but I didn't get a vote. I think Americans serv ing overseas, especially those with sand in their boots, deserve better than a Steelers/Browns matchin during a week when a long-standing record will be broken. I figure the Patriots and their fans are getting a taste of the Red Sox's Curse of the Bambino right here on AFN in the form of a media blackout. AFN, please hear my request and change your schedule so my family, other fans of football and all great Americans can witness sports history on your fine network. Go Pats!

Jeff Blood Camp Zama, Japan

# A study in success

I'm a student at Kubasaki High School - "home of the dragons" - and I would like to discuss the block scheduling that has been in motion for Department of Defense Dependents Schools for the past three years here on Okinawa. I find it a great way to balance out classes and other activities after school.

The classes we have are broken into two days, an "A" day and a "B" day. This gives us more time in class to know what's going on and fewer books to carry each day. I'm glad that DODDS decided to go with this program since having seven classes each day (and in some of them you don't even have enough time to complete an in-class assignment) was a struggle during my middle school days at Lester Middle School

Block scheduling is a great way to organize a student's day since he or she can concentrate on his or her schoolwork every other day instead of just trying to get all assignments done for all the classes in one day and having the assignments be due the next day. I support block scheduling and hope that it'll continue throughout my remaining high school days.

Francis Neely Kubasaki High School, Okinawa

BY GARRY TRUDEAU

# Doonesbury









# PINION

# A number of problems with how polls work

n the mood to decipher the indecipherable or explain the inexplicable this political season? Try reconciling two poll-tracking Web sites. Each of the two claims to offer a peek inside the minds of American voters cou

Bonnie Erbe



pled with not-so-veiled prediction of who is most like ly to occupy the Oval Office next year.

I've been driving myself batty (according to my husband, a short drive) for several months, "motoring" as

rasmussenreports com This Web site's daily and rolling track-

ing polls provide not only national numbers, (to which so-called experts this year are pay ing scant attention) but also tallies of voters inclinations in the all-important battleground states. The site then projects the likely outcome of the prized Electoral College

it were to

vote. More recently. I found electoral-vote.com, which, unlike rasmussenreports.com, does not produce its own polling but collects and cites a variety of

other polls.

As of Sunday, here's how the two Web sites were calling the presidential race.: Rassmussenreports.com does not describe itself as Republican-leaning but owner Scott Rassmussen has been widely identified in the media as a Republican pollster. Its latest nationwide tracking poll revealed President Bush drew the support of 50 percent of likely voters and Sen. John Kerry drew 46 per-

Rassmussenreports tallied the Electoral College votes as follows: Bush 240, Kerry 179. With 270 the magical number for victory, rassmussenreports.com projected no ear winner, but declared the president way ahead of the challenger, Kerry.

Electoral-vote.com. whose creator is a self-described Kerry supporter, has Kerry at 270 electoral votes (that magic number again) and Bush a "fer piece" back at 248.

We've all come to expect deviation in polls. Last month several national polls on Bush's "bounce" coming out of the Republican National Convention showed him ahead of Kerry by spreads ranging from 2 to 12 points. That's a chasm-sized gap, given pollsters are all supposed to be polling similar representative samplings of likely or registered voters

But the difference in battleground state leanings as proclaimed on these two Web

sites is even greater What explains the difference? Pollsters offer a number of explanations.

First, the same exact question asked in different order, or with the modification of one changed word, can produce polar opposite results. Go figure.

Then, there's this season's cachet of the indecided voter." People who are not truly undecided may still claim to pollsters that they are, as a way of primping for additional media attention. After all, it's the "undecideds" who are starring on national television, in thoroughly scrutinized and fawned-over focus groups, etc. It's the "Hi mom, look at me," suddenly famous syndrome.

Then there are new oddities in the way pollsters poll and changes in voting patterns that combined may be throwing the precision of polling way off its usual formulaic goal. These are as follows: Pollsters tend to cull registered voters and likely voters (the people they prefer to poll) from well-worn lists of phone numbers they've used in the



nast Pollsters traditionally rely on land-line home phone numbers. The trend among younger voters (the 30-and-under crowd, which is to say, a sizable segment of the U.S. population) is away from land-line home phones, toward total reliance on cell phones. Cell phones are unlisted in telephone directo-

Therefore these voters' opinions, the belief goes, are not being adequately represented in pollsters' samplings.

Then there's the huge push by both parties to register tens of thousands (if not hundreds of thousands) of new voters per state, especially in battleground states. These voters, too, do not generally appear on pollsters' lists. So their opinions may not be fairly represented

Democrats claim to have registered larger proportions of new voters than Republicans. But then again, just because people register does not necessarily equate with hordes of new voters trudging to polling places on Election Day. Still, this change in registration patterns may be enough to throw the reliability of polls into question.

In sum, there are more questions than answers this election season about the reliability of polls. Where we end up is, not only is the American public deeply divided but our pollsters are, too.

Bonnie Erbe, host of the PBS program "To the Contrary," writes this column for Scripps Howard News Service

# Answers to 8 questions will decide 1 veteran's vote

BY KEITH W. MINES

am a 28-year veteran of the active Army and reserves, having served the nation in civilian and military assignments in Grenada, Honduras. El Salvador, Somalia, Haiti, Afghanistan and Iraq.

I am the son of an artillery forward observer who fought in the Pacific in World War II, the father of a young man who will reach mil itary age during the next administration and is anxious to get into uniform, the uncle of a Marine who was on his way to the Ramadi-Fallujah area of Iraq (his second deploy ment), and the second cousin of a soldier who recently returned from Sadr City.

I am from the class of Americans that fights our wars, as opposed to the class that theorizes and fantasizes about them. As I vote Nov 2 I will not take with me the impressions garnered from the candidates' use of the armed forces as campaign props. Rather, I will ask these questions about how the next president will organize our military for war and how he will position our country:

■ Will you increase the size of the mili tary? I have yet to meet anyone in uniform who believes that the current force is large enough to manage America's threats. In the wake of 9/11, we are involved in a mannow er-intensive fight with huge unknowns. We need a big increase in our armed forces to manage the threats, several new permanent divisions for the Army and Marines and large increases in our special operations forces and reserve force, at a minimum.

■ Will you maintain the post-Vietnam force structure? After Vietnam our military was restructured so that it would be impossi ble to go to war without a national consensus by making Reserve and National Guard units essential to any large campaign. This

made deployments slightly slower but enhanced national support for our operations. I would be extremely leery of moves to return the military to a federal force that could be deployed without this consensus.

■ Will you build lasting alliances? Forget the go-it-alone machismo. It might bring the crowds to their feet on the campaign trail, but for the soldiers and Marines who are now deploying for the second time in Iraq, more allies would be welcome

■ Will you carry out policies that will anger the world? There is an endless supply of recruits for al-Qaida and other terrorist spin-offs, part of the huge middle ground that is waiting to be persuaded to fight against us or to leave us alone. How we conduct ourselves in the world will help determine which way the middle moves. I want a president who is viewed positively.

■ Will you forcibly repudiate Abu Ghraib? The Abu Ghraib prison scandal may be the biggest foreign policy disaster since Vietnam. By leaving in its wake images of American sexual and physical domination of Arab men, it will inspire our enemies and enhance recruiting for groups that wish to hurt us at a time when the ability to damage us has increased manifold. I seek a president who will forcibly repudiate these actions.

■ Will you listen to your military advisers? It is understood by civilian leaders of the armed forces that their job is to set policy and allow the military to carry it out. When the civilian leadership gets too deeply involved in the nuts and bolts of military operations, things tend to go awry.

■ Do you have a strategy? Since 9/11, we have devised a number of tools for fighting terrorism but have yet to develop a toolbox. Neither candidate has laid out a comprehensive strategy for our current conflict or a paradigm for the post-Cold War world. I would be interested in a doctrine, however flexible and broad, that could replace containment and guide our policies and practices.

■ Do you understand the world? While it

not the nature of our political system to offer leaders who are well traveled and have lived abroad, some understanding of the world would be helpful for a wartime leader. President Bush and Sen. John Kerry may continue to waste money on petty attack ads and counterattack ads if they like, but to win this veteran's vote, they would do better to answer these eight simple questions.

Keith W. Mines is a major in the Army Special Forces Reserve. This column first appeared in The (Baltimore) Sun.

By BRUCE TINSLEY

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# J Horoscope

The Scorpio moon ushers in a serious mood but not necessarily a solemn one. Going deeper into the cause of a problem will be featured this afternoon. This Joyce Jillson is done best by observing the people connected to the issue. We are keenly attuned to human behavior and if we ask ourselves the right questions, the answers are apparent

### **TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (October 14). You come to a realization about your self this year that changes your life forever. Perhans it

will motivate you to seek out a support group, change careers or find a new mate. You'll join a club or organization of like-minded individuals at the start of the new year and meet someone there - a teacher. love or friend - who expands your mind

# ARIES (March 21-April 19).

Your warm temperament and willing ness to tell it like it is may have attracted the affections of one who's a bit slower on the uptake. You're not known for your patience, but in this case, it would behoove you to make an extra effort.

### TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Regarding emotional and financial security, help is coming. You meet a well-informed expert in the field that is relevant to you - be it health care, insurance or banking, You'll know this person by his/her air of

authority and warmth. GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Everything seems to be falling to pieces all around you, but for once, you are the calm at the center of the storm. Survey the chaos with an eye for remembering details - you may

# be called upon to give a deposition. CANCER (June 22-July 22). The workweek has thrown you out

of balance, and you desperately need to re-center yourself so you can make the most of the next few days. How do you know you're out of alignment? There's too much chatter in your head.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Just because it's raining doesn't mean the sky is falling. Try to maintain your perspective and your positive attitude. The most important thing is your health and safety. Focus or that first, and everything else will follow suit

## VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Unfinished business nags at the

back of your mind. Perhaps it's an old flame or a project you just can't seem to finish. You're the only one still obsessing about it. Every one else has moved on. so don't let it ruin vour day

# LIBRA (Sept.

23-Oct. 23). Family squabbles can drag you down. You don't have to fall for the same old dynamic. What would

happen if, for once, you refused to play the expected role of go-between? Let folks talk to each other instead of relaying messages.

# SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Regarding a special deal, stick mainly to your terms, but do remain flexible on the points that don't mean

as much to you. A certain amount of give and take in the form of revisions will be required to finalize things SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You've settled into a new

# situation that arose in your life over the last season. Maybe it's a new job, a new love or a travel opportuni-

ty. Check in with your higher self again now that you're over the hump. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

# 19). You're a good provider. Is it

any wonder that family members are hitting you up for money? If you can comfortably afford it, you would do well to spread the wealth around a bit. Your family - and the economy will benefit

# AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're doing all the right things

getting involved in projects you care about and focusing on bettering yourself and the world. Just try to be nationt An older female friend perhaps a neighbor, could really use

### PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your love life is really cooking. It's only going to get hotter in the coming weeks, too. Right now, focus on finances. You and your fellow water signs, Cancer and Scorpio, are in a prime position to receive a big wind-

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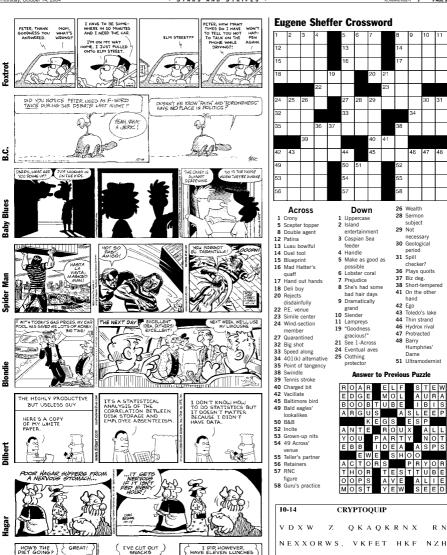


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Dear Abby

# **Scams target those in mourning**

Dear Abby: I agree with your advice 95 percent of the time However, I disagree with your comments to "Heartsick in N.Y., the widow who said a young woman had shown up on her doorstep claiming to be her de ceased husband's illegitimate daughter.

hat young woman didn't ask to be born from

Although I'm sure the widow is heartsick, there is no way to easily break that kind of news to anyone. If "Heartsick" is unsure about paternity, a simple DNA test can be done to prove the truth.

 — Cheryl in San Antonio

Dear Cheryl: That's true. And that is why I advised "Heartsick" to contact her lawyer right away However, my gut told me that something might be amiss. And here's why. Read on:

Dear Abby: "Heartsick's" letter had "con artist" written all there are people who check the obituaries every day for the names of people who die. They get all the personal information and show up when the survivors are not thinking clearly.

Pictures can be doctored, and the information about the husband being in the sports field, I'm sure, was public knowledge. It's a simple matter, with today's technology, to scan pictures

and digitally alter them. If the husband was clever enough to have kept his affair and the child hidden for 20 years, and he wanted to help the girl with col-

lege tuition, don't you think he'd have devised a way to provide for her financial security? And if that girl was really his daughter, don't you think she'd have been more sensitive than to have approached his widow at a time like that?

- Reen Conned in Mississinni Dear Conned: I agree with you. There are better ways to

the person the last 20 years of her marriage was a lie. Read on:

Dear Abby: My 37-year-old husband was killed by a drunk driver. His picture appeared in the newspaper. My husband was a very handsome man who had been successful in sales.

When I returned from his funer al, I found, mixed in with the condolence notes, a letter from a woman claiming that my husband was the father of her child. She said she was willing to leave town and not embarrass us, but needed money to do so. I did not contact a lawyer — I called the police. They contacted the FBI and the woman was caught.

It was a scam that she had used successfully before

 Sympathetic in Hawaii Dear Sympathetic: You're a quick thinker.

Letters for this column — with your name and phone number — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles CA 90069. Readers can write to Abby on the Internet at http://www.uexpress.com/dearabby Universal Press Syndicate

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# Pamper friend going through divorce

Dear Annie: My good Annie's Mailbox enough alone? friend, "Ellen," is going through a difficult time. Her husband of 20 years is having a midlife crisis and after two months of making Ellen miserable, he finally confessed that he wants a divorce and is looking forward to a new life with his new girlfriend. The jerk even had the nerve to say he doesn't find Ellen phys cally attractive. Ellen is in her 40s, but looks younger. She's always watched her weight, takes pride in her appearance and has a fantastic personality.

Ellen is devastated. She's hav ing problems eating and sleeping, and her self-esteem is in the toilet. Her therapist is working with her and the kids, but a bunch of us would love to treat her to a complete makeover to give her a new look for her new life. However, with all the damage her husband has caused, I'm afraid it would hurt her feelings to suggest that she needs to rethink her hair. makeup and clothing.

Should we do this, or leave well



— Baffled Friend Dear Friend: We think this is a great way to lift Ellen's spir-

But don't approach it as if her appearance needs work. Instead, tell her she deserves to he namnered and you want to cheer her up by treating her to a "spa day. It would be even

better if all of you could afford to accompany her and have a "girls' day" together. Skip the new clothing and instead consider a pedicure or a massage. Then she will believe it's a gift to help her relax and not a form of criticism.

Dear Annie: Don't parents teach their kids manners these days? There was a child about 7 years old in my store last week He kept shouting over and over, "I want a toy!" His mother couldn't concentrate on the transaction taking place. To top it off, after being so rude, he was allowed to get the toy he wanted. I have a 9-year-old daughter, and I teach her basic manners such as knocking on a closed door before entering, not touching

things that do not belong to her. I will admit that my daughter is smart for her age, but if parents would put their foot down and teach their children some basic

sies, our world would be a much nicer place. - Frustrated in Kentucky Dear Kentucky: Ah yes, pur chasing the toy after the child

threw a tantrum was definitely the wrong message to send, and too many parents give in to their child's demands even when they know they shouldn't.

It's the easy way out. There are plenty of parents who teach their children manners and consideration for others. They should be commended. The rest should take lessons.

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Yokota - 1994 Toyota Estima van: JCI until Jan 05. \$3500.

Autos for Sale - Okinawa

Yokota-1989 Nissan Skyline GTS+1 JCI till Jan 06. 2.0 liter, Gcyl, 24 valve, DOHC, turbo charged, 2 door, power every-ting, CD player, new alternatio and battery, recent tune up. 71,500 kilometers, runs great. \$1800 Contact Megan 227-7973 090-686-14270. Yokota - 1991 Toyota Town Ace Van: 4-wide door, A/C, JCl unti May 2005. \$1,800. Call 227-9488.

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Seoul - 1992 Dodge Stealth, sport coup, dark green, manual, 153k miles. Well maintained. Runs considerably great. Availa-ble 25 Oct due to PCS. \$799 or BO. AMFM/Cassetto/CD. Steve 721-7373 or 011-9151-1605.

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S2.300.00 OBB Contact 637-4672|| 00097866989 cell-Kinser Must Sell 1995 Toycla S EXIV: 4-doors, Kenwood AM FM/CD/MP 3 Player witemotel/Amp Kit. Too Cold Air witemotel/Amp Kit. Too Cold Sell 633-3766. Konser - Must sellt 1995 Toylou a friendis ogs at trypulo coston-MAN MEN - LOS - Service - Serv wast more libracyths, coin

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Courtney • 6 1/2 Foot zodiac (Achilles) Boat for sale, hars 5 horse power Indoor outdoor motor, with ores also and gas can and pump, boat is red and in very good condition, great fro divers... asking price is 1000.00 OBO please call David at 622-8203 or work 622-9246. TEN type HR coll over the College Ten and E22-00030 were fixed E22-0266.

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# Computers 360

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Foster, Okinawa - Souder Enter-tainment Center. Paid \$248.00 for it brand new. Asking \$75.00 obo. I think it fits up to a 36in, not sure though. Call 646-2462. I need to get rid of it as soon as possible.

# Home Electronics 570

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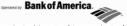
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# October

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AFN-Sports, 4 p.m. — Soccer: Panama vs. Feam USA (did). AFN-Sports, 8:30 p.m. — NBA preseason:

## Friday

AFN-Sports, 2 a.m. – Soccer: Panama vs. Team USA (did) a.m. – College football: West Virgind vs. Connecticut (did).
AFN-Sports, 8:30 a.m. – College football: Louisville vs. Miami, Fla.
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# High school

# Japan cross country

Saturday's results
At Sasebo, Japan, Isanoura Park
3.1-mile course
Boys team winner – Nile C. Kinnick, 45.
Boys individual results
1, peter Kamar, Robert D. Edgren, 17 min-

1, Peter Kanfar, Robert D. Edgren, 17 min-fies, 33 seconds.
2. Chris Czernilo, Zana Amreica, 20
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2. Chris Czernilo, 22
2. Chris Light St. Christopher D. Edgren, 17:42
4. Justin Biskup, Matthew C. Perry, 17:57
5. Matt Duncan, Nile C. Kinnick, 18:12
6. David Vest, Zama American, 18:42
7. Graham Will, Nile C. Kinnick, 18:48
7. Graham Will, Nile C. Kinnick, 18:48
9. Chris Hanswore, Yokoda, 19:09
10, Rayore Bugayong, Nile C. Kinnick, 19:06
Girls team Winner-Yokoda, 45.
1. Ef E. Girls individual results
1. Ef E. Gris Individual results
1. Ef E. Will C. Kinnick, 21 minutes, 38 seconds

seconds . Jade Thrasher, Robert D. Edgren, 21:56

Jade Thrasher, Robert D. Edgen, 21:
 Nicole Frantz, Nile C. Kinnick, 22:20
 Carl Bruschuk, Yokota, 22:48
 Brett Wangner, Yokota, 23:03
 Mitsuko Martinez, Yokota, 23:10
 Cynthia Ortiz, Matthew C. Perry, 23:
 Corl Workman, Nile C. Kinnick, 23:34
 Nicole Allison, E.J. King, 24:22
 Nicole Allison, E.J. King, 24:22

# College football Division I-AA Top 25

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The top 25 teams in the Sports Network Division I-AA footbal poll, with first-place votes in parentheses records through Oct. 10 and previous rank

ing:	
	Record Pts Pvs
1. Southern Illinois (85)	5-1 2.620 1
2. Georgia Southern (17)	5-1 2.523 3
3. Delaware (1)	4-1 2,342 4
4. Western Kentucky (2)	4-1 2,277 6
5. Montana	5-1 2.081 7
6. Wofford	4-1 1.932 8
7. New Hampshire	4-1 1.870 9
8. Furman	4-2 1,773 2
9. Cal Poly-San Luis Obisc	0 5-0 1,755 10
10. Stephen F. Austin	4-1 1.717 5
11. Northwestern State	4-1 1,588 11
12. Maine	3-2 1,410 12
<ol><li>Sam Houston State</li></ol>	4-1 1,313 13
<ol> <li>Jacksonville State</li> </ol>	5-0 1.244 15
15. Appalachian State	4-2 1,095 21
16. William & Mary (1)	4-1 1.070 18
17. James Madison	4-1 937 19
18. Lehigh	4-1 929 17
19. Northeastern	3-2 631 23
20. Colgate	3-2 576 20
21. UC Davis	5-0 574 24
22. Hampton	5-1 423 25
23. Eastern Washington	4-2 329 -
24. Villanova	3-3 303 14
25. Pennsylvania	3-1 232 -

# AP Top 25 schedule

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No. 17 West Virginia at Connecticut
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No. 3 Miamimardo, Oct. 14
Saturday, Oct. 16
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No. 1 Southern Cal viv. No. 15 Arizona State
No. 2 Oklahoma at Kansass State
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No. 2 Pirginia at No. 7 Fiorida State
No. 5 Purdue v. No. 10 Wisconsin
No. 6 Virginia at No. 7 Fiorida State
No. 5 Tenzas v.s. Missouri
No. 9 Tenzas v.s. Missouri
No. 17 Fiorida State
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No. 18 Fiorida Virginia All Virg

No. 12 Georgia vs. Vanderbilt No. 13 Tennessee at Mississippi No. 14 Michigan at Illinois No. 16 Oklahoma State vs. No. 23 Texas

A&M

No. 19 Minnesota at Michigan State
No. 21 Boise State at Tulsa
No. 22 Florida vs. Middle Tennessee
No. 24 Southern Mississippi at Alabama
No. 25 Ohio State at Iowa

# Pro soccer

# Major League Soccer

	W	L	Т	Pts	GF	GA					
olumbus	12	5	12	48	39	31					
etroStars	11	11	7	40	45	46					
C. United	10	10	9	39	40	40					
cago	8	12	9	33	35	42					
v England	- 7	13	9	30	40	42					
Western Conference											
ansas City	13	9	7	46	37	30					
os Angeles	11	8	10	43	42	39					
olorado	10	9	10	40	28	31					
Jose				37							
as	10	14	5	35	32	43					
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for tie.
x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division
y-clinched division
Saturday's game
Chicago at New England
San Jose at Dallas
Los Angeles at Kansas City
Columbus at Colorado
Sunday's game
MetroStars at D.C. United
End of Regular Season

# Pro basketball

# WNBA playoffs

FINALS
(Best-of-three)
Seattle vs. Connectic
Friday, Oct. 8
Connecticut 68, Seattle 64
Sunday, Oct. 10
Seattle 67, Connecticut 55, ser
Tuesday, Oct. 12
Connecticut at Seattle

# **NBA** preseason



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Sunday's games

Houston 85, Miami 75

Golden State 97, Sacramento 79

Monday's games

Indiana 85, Washington 84

Tuesday's games

Chicago vs. Boston at Manchester, N.H.
Memphis at Orlando
Washington vs. Philadelphia at Durham,

Washington: vs. I. Lakers at Anahelm, Calif. Seattle vs. L.A. Lakers at Anahelm, Calif. Wednesday's games Orlando vs. Atlanta at Macon, Ga. Boston at Detrolt Dallas at New Orleans Minnesota vs. Milwaukee at Grand Forks, N.D.

N.D.
L.A. Clippers at Phoenix
Seattle at Portland
Thursday's games
Sacramento vs. Houston at Shanghai,

hina
New Jersey vs. New York at Barre, Pa.
Washington at Charlotte
Cleveland at Memphis
Minnesota vs. Atlanta at Birmingham,
Milwaukee vs. Denver at Colo

, COIO. nd at Golden State

# Golf

# **PGA Tour statistics**

Through Oct. 10
Scoring Average
1, Vijay Singh, 68.92. 2 (tie), Phil Mickelson and Ernie Eis, 68.96. 4. Tiger Woods, 69.10. 5, Retlef Goosen, 69.48. 6. Stephen Amer. 69.88. 9. Scott Verplank, 69.96. 10, Davis Love III, 9.

69.99. Driving Distance
1, Hank Kuehne, 314.7.2, Scott Hend, 312.8,
3, John Daly, 306.0.4, Mike Heinen, 305.2.5
Geoff Ogilvy, 305.1.6, Chris Smith, 304.3.7
Lucas Glover, 303.5.8, J.J. Henry, 302.2
Chris Couch, 302.3.10, Tiger Woods, 302.0.

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with 59,7%. All-Around Ranking
1. Phil Mickelson, 279, 2, Geoff Ogilvy, 284
3, Vijay Singh, 297, 4, Retler Goosen, 336, 5
John Daly, 357, 6, Stephen Ames, 385, 7, Tec
Purdy, 401, 8, Harrison Frazar, 402, 9, Stewarl
Clink, 405, 10, Tiger Woods, 415.

# **Tennis**

# Kremlin Cup

Tuesday
At Olympic Stadium
Moscow
se: Men, \$1 million (Intl, Seri
Women, \$1.3 million (Tier I)
Surface: Carpet-Indoor
Singles

Singles

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Sanda Mamic, Croatia, def. Mary Pierce, France, 6-0, 6-4, Elena Likhovtseva, Russia, def. Fabiola Zu-luga, Colombia, 6-1, 6-2. Elena Bovina, Nussia, def. Paniela Hantu-tellena Dementieva (5), Russia, def. Patola Suarez, Argentina, 7-5, 6-4. Michaela Pastikova, Czech Republic, def. Michaela Pastikova, Czech Republic, def.

Michaela Pastikova. Czech Republic, def. Al Sugiyama, Japan, 62,755.

Al Sugiyama, Japan, 62,755.

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Venus Williams (7), United States, def. lina Jidkova, Russia, 6-4, 6-4.

# **CA Tennis Trophy**

Tuesday
At Wiener Stadthalle
Vienna, Austria
Purse: \$847,225 (Intl. Gold)
Surface: Hard-Indoor
Singles
First Round
orna, Peru, def. David Ferrer, Spain,

Luis Horna, Perist Round
Luis Horna, Perist Round
6-3, 6-2,
Nicolas Massu (2), Chile, def. Karol Kucera,
Nicolas Massu (2), Chile, def. Karol Kucera,
Tommy Haas, Germany, def. Wesley Moodie,
South Africa, 6-3, 6-0,
Stefan Koubek, Austria, def. Alberto Martin, Spain, 7-5, 6-1. ain, 7-5, 6-1. de Sanguinetti, Italy, def. Mariano Za-Argentina, 7-6 (7), 7-5. di Nalbandian (1), Argentina, def. An-Seppi, Italy, 6-4, 6-3.

# Open de Moselle

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# Tashkent Open

Tuesday
At Dynamo Tennis Club
Tashkent, Uzbekistan
Purse: \$140,000 (Tier IV)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor
Singles
First Round
Iroda Tulyaganova, Uzbekistan, def. Marion
Bartoli (1), France, 6-4, 6-4. on Bartoli (1), France, 6-4, 6-4.
Meghann Shauphnessy (2), United States,
def. Ryoko Fuda, Japan, 6-2, 6-2.
Arahtza Parra Santonja (4), Spain, def.
Arahtza Parra Santonja (4), Spain, def.
Evgenia Linetskaya, Russia, def. Tamarine
Tanasugarn (8), Thailand, 6-4, 4-6, 6-0.
Baterina Bychkova, Russia, def. Silvija TaBaterina Bychkova, Russia, def. Silvija TaNadelda Ostrovskava, Belans, def. Incom-

laja. Crostila. 5-1. 6-4. Nussia. (ver. Javya Is-Nadejda Ostrovskaya, Belarus, def. Ivana Abramovic. Croatia. 1-6. 6-1, 6-4. Olga Savchuk, Ukraine. def. Anne Kremer, Luxembourg. 7-6 (v), 2-6. 6-1. def. Anne Kremer, Luxembourg. 7-6 (v), 2-6. 6-1. def. Katerina Bondarenko, Ukraine. 7-6 (d), 6-1. Maria Goloviznina, Russia, def. Akgul Amanmuradova, Uzbekistan, 7-5, 7-6 (d).

# Deals

# Monday's transactions

BASEBALL
American League
OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Announced they
will not renew the contract of Chris Speier.

bench coach.

TEXAS RANGERS—Activated RHP Mickey
Callaway from the 60-day DL and sent him
outright to Oklahoma of the PCL.

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National League

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS—Announced ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS—Announced the resignation of Scott Brubaker, senior vice president of sales and marketing. We president of sales and marketing with the sales and marketing with the dase coach, will not be retained. Reassigned Gene Clines from first base coach to hitting coach, and Gary Matthews from hitting coach to first base coach, with the additional responsibilities of outfield instruction of the property of the sales of nd baserunning. CINCINNATI REDS—Extended the contract of Dave Miley, manager, through the 2001 season. Signed OF Jason Romano to a mino league contract.

league contract.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

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National Hockey League TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS—Assigned F Chris t. Jacques, D David Turon and G Todd Ford o Pensacola of the ECHL.
COLLEGE
EDWARD WATERS—Annous
station of Arthur Harvey. m

EDWARD WATERS—Announced the resignation of Arthur Harvey, men's basketball coach. Named Neil Orr interim men's basketball coach.
HARTFORD—Named William Warder lacrosse coach.

rosse coach.

NORTH CAROLINA—Suspended WR Adariis Bowman, LB Fred Sparkman and DT Isaith Thomas indefinitely from the footbal

TEMPLE—Suspended men's basketball F lichael Blackshear for violating team rules.

# T. Labonte to race part-time in '05, '06

BY JENNA FRYER The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE. N.C. Two-time NASCAR champion Terry Labonte will race a limited schedule in 2005 and 2006, joining the growing list of veteran drivers slowly easing out of racing.

Labonte is scheduled to run about 10



next races season in the No. 44 Chevfolrolet, fol-lowed by 10 races in 2006 in what will be his final "I thought

a while about just walking away and couldn't do it, but I didn't want to do a traditional farewell tour.

the 47-year-old Labonte said. Nineteen-year-old Kyle Busch will take Labonte's spot in the No. 5 Chevy and is to run a full-time Nextel Cup schedule in 2005. He is the younger brother of current Nextel Cup points leader Kurt

Busch. Labonte began his Cup career in 1978, running five races for Billy Hagan. His first full season of competition was in 1979 and he went on to set a then-record of 655 consecutive starts that was

broken in 2000. He won two series titles along the way, in 1984 and again in 1996. He has 22 career victories, the most recent last August at Darlington Raceway in the final Southern 500 run on Labor Day weekend - a victory that broke a 156-race winless streak.

Labonte was in the No. 44 when he won his first points title.

His younger brother, Bobby, won NASCAR's top title in 2000, making the Labontes the only pair of brothers with series championships

Labonte is following in the footsteps of 49-year-old Bill Elliott. who scaled back to a part-time schedule this season. He said his decision was inspired in part by Elliott's example.

Rusty Wallace also has announced that 2005 will be his final season; other longtime NASCAR mainstays probably aren't too far behind.

Car owner Jack Roush said in August that 45-year-old Mark Martin indicated next season will be his last, and the two have called a news conference for Thursday.

Dale Jarrett and Ricky Rudd were born the same year as Labonte and Wallace. Sterling Marlin and Jimmy Spencer are 47, and Kyle Petty is 44.

# TANK MCNAMARA





# **Kadena's driving force**

# McCowan, Loving steering Islanders to top on Okinawa

BY DAVE ORNAUER

Stars and Strings

KADENA AIR BASE, Okinawa - If running backs are the driving force behind an offense, then David McCowan and Keith Loving are sharing the wheel for the Kadena Islanders, steering them to a 4-0 record and first place in the Okinawa Activities Council.

Before Loving ripped through the Kadena Bucs in the Islanders' 27-14 victory on Tuesday, the seniors had similar numbers, including an identical number of carries. Loving's 21 carries for 136 yards and a touchdown Tuesday gives him 447 vards on 71 rushes with six scores for the season, while McCowan has 328 yards on 60 carries and one touchdown this year.

With the regular season half over, the team is favored to capture its first league championship since it shared the title with the Kubasaki Samurai in 1996. That would send the Islanders to the Rising Sun Bowl, and they believe they can knock off four-time champion Yokota of Japan.

McCowan and Loving, said coach Sergio Mendoza, been instrumental . . . not just in execution in practice, but driving the team in games. They want that championship.

"We know we can play better ball," Mendoza said. "That could be a strength. They're not celebrating anything."

Burned in McCowan's mind are two late-season losses to the eventual island champion Kadena Buccaneers last year.

'We lost sight of our goals," he said. "That's a motivation to not

let it happen again." The Islanders appear to be a different machine this season. That, said the running backs, also is

due to the offensive line. "We may be the car, but they're the wheels." Loving said. "They drive us. They penetrate. They know where the gaps are. They know where we're going on every

play. Show us the light Added McCowan, "It takes a team. We're just trying to help the team.





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"The line is listening and learn-

ing basic techniques and execut-ing well in practice," Mendoza said. "We've had some kids who

have stepped up and filled some gaps. Grady is doing an awesome

There's still plenty of work left

- including a second

to do, three more regular-season

game this week - plus the post-

season, with the league title game

"I'd love to bring that gold home," McCowan said of a Nov.

13 road trip that could include de-

railing that Rising Sun Bowl ex-press known as the Yokota Pan-

"I think it can be done. Dedica

tion. Bring that line. Win every

play. If we do that, we'll make

that flight home a happy one."

slated for Nov. 4.

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Senior RB Keith Loving, who has 447 yards and six TDs this season, has helped the Islanders go 4-0.

"Our philosophy is to win play by play," he said. "Let's win the play. The game is secondary. If we execute play by play, the rest will take care of itself."

Kadena Islanders senior RR David McCowan has

328 yards and a touchdown on 60 carries this year.

Mendoza noted the marked improvement of each of his backs during the offseason. Both Loving and McCowan ran track and at-

tended summer football camps.
"They're incredibly quick," he said. "They were running sub-11s fin the 100 meters] last spring. They're probably faster than that [now]. And they're cut, they're benching 11/2 times their weight.

The two bring an intensity to the field "that's wonderful for a coach to see," Mendoza said.
"They challenge each other to be better football players. It's a healthy competition. . . . They're very unselfish. As long as the team wins is what matters.

The senior pair aren't just a tandem on the field, they're practically inseparable off the field. They hang out with the same friends lift weights together and watch college ball on television.

job of leading the line. "We're like brothers," McCowan said. "We do everything togeth-

Where they differ might be in their running styles, Mendoza

"Keith has great eyes. He sees seams and hits those seams. He'll hit a hole and be gone for 20 yards," he said. "David gets to the corner, glides fast, and he'll power right through you."

In front of them is a line that had to overcome the loss of center Cole Maxey, who transferred to Ramstein Air Base, Germany. Filling his slot is senior Grady

Japan Football Friday, Oct. 15 Yokota at Zama American, 7 p.m.

This week's schedule

Saturday, Oct. 16
Robert D. Edgren at American School In Japan, 1 p.m.

Nile C. Kinnick at Robert D. Edgren, 5 p.m.; E.J. King and Matthew C. Perry at Nagoya International, 5 p.m.; Seisen Int'l at Christian Academy in Japan, 7 p.m.; American School in Japan at Zama Amer-ican, 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 16

Kinnick at Edgren, 10 a.m.; E.J. King and M.C. Perry at Nagoya Int'l, 10 a.m.; Int'l School of the Sacred Heart at CAJ, 10 a.m.; Seisen Int'l at Zama, 10 a.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 19

Zama at ASIJ, 7 p.m.; Kinnick at Sacred

Tennis Friday, Oct. 15 Robert D. Edgren and M Perry at E.J. King, 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 16

Christian Academy In Japan at Ameri-can School In Japan, 10 a.m.; Zama Amer-ican at Nile C. Kinnick, 10 a.m.; Edgren and M.C. Perry at E.J. King, 10 a.m.

Cross country Saturday, Oct. 16

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of the Sacred Heart, St. Maur Int'l, Christian Academy in Japan, Selsen Int'l, St
Mary's Int'l, Yokohama Int'l, Zama American, Nile C. Kinnick and Yokota at Tame
Hills Recreation Center, Tokyo, 9 a.m.

Football
Saturday, Oct. 16
Father Duenas Memorial at George
Vashington, 10 a.m.: Southern at John F.
ennedy, 3 p.m.; Simon Sanchez vs.
uam High at Naval Station, 7 p.m.

Cross country

Independent Interscholastic Athletic Association of Guam All-Island champissociation of Guam All-Islani nship at Tiyan, 5 p.m. Girls volleyball Saturday, Oct. 16 Third-place match

Game 10-Game 8 loser vs. Game 9 loser, 5:30 p.m.
Championship

Game 11-Game 8 winner vs. Game 9 winner, 7 p.m.

# Game of the week

sharing the Korea Senior League youth Players to watch Falcons junior quar-terback Bruce Voelker has displayed a policy. In 78 years a season, gold a policy. In 78 years a season, gold of the policy of the policy of the downs, including a perfect 11-for-11 for early 47-9 shottor of Teagu America. After being allenced in the Falcons' 29-d running back Ferry Stephens euplor 10-237 yards and four touchdowns on 13 years and four touchdowns on 13 CC 2, a Korea single-game record for yards and the fourth-highest total in Pa-cific history.

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

## Bruce Voelker Football

Seoul American

Last week: Went a perfect 11-for-11 passing for 247 yards and five touch-downs to lead the Falcons to a 47-0 triumph over the Taegu American Warriors and a 2-0 first-place mark in the Depar Defense Dependents Schools-Korea league



Voelker, a junior, has gone 17-for-21 for 346 yards and six TDs and also has nin for a TD so far this season for the Falcons, who have won 19 straight games.

"Bruce is a driven guy who rises to ex-pectations," said coach Julian Harden. "He's a natural leader who could excel at any position. He's unselfish, just does everything he needs to do to get the job done.

### Katie Wilkinson Girls volleyball Nile C. Kinnick, Japan

Last week: Starred in all facets of the

game as the Red Devils went 5-0. Kinnick won in four sets over Yokohama International on Tuesday, then beat Matthew C. Perry and E.J. King twice each at Iwakuni Marine Corps Air Station. During that span, Wilkinson, a sophor



middle blocker, racked up 20 spike kills 22 service aces, 88 service points, 10 block points and 14 defensive digs. "She has developed a lot from last year," coach Henry Falk said. "Last year,

she was the youngest starter on the team and this year she is one of the main players. She has been able to improve so much due to her skills, coordination, athleti cism and confidence."

ected by Stars and Stripes staff

# QB Quinn to start vs. Navy

The Associated Press

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Notre Dame quarterback Brady Quinn is expected to start Saturday against Navy after sustaining



after sustaining a concussion in his last game. Irish coach

Tyrone Willingham said Tuesday that Quinn was expected to practice later in the day. He said the training staff would monitor Quinn.

"I think Brady is fine, but I think what we have to do is always go through the formal steps each time a guy has an injury," Willingham said. "This one requires you to look at him. But I think he's fine."

Quinn didn't return to the game against Stanford last Saturday after scoring on a 2-yard run with 4:10 left in the game.

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The sophomore has thrown for 1,529 yards with nine touchdown passes and five interceptions this season. His backup, Pat Dillingham, has played in three games this season, going 3-for-3 against Purdue for 28 yards.

# Cal WR Lyman out for season

BERKELEY, Calif. — California wide receiver Chase Lyman will miss the rest of the season after undergoing surgery to repair a torn knee ligament.

The senior had 14 catches for 414 yards and five touchdowns for the eighth-ranked Golden Bears (3-1), but was hurt during their 23-17 loss to top-ranked Southern California on Saturdav.

## V. Williams wins in Moscow

MOSCOW — Venus Williams defeated Russian qualifier Alina Jidkova 6-4, 6-4 in the opening round of the Kremlin Cup on Tuesday in her first match since losing in the fourth round of the U.S. Open.

Williams had five aces and doubled-faulted six times against the

27-year-old Russian.
"She played really well today, but my biggest challenge was myself," the seventh-seeded Williams said. "I was a bit rusty after

several weeks off."
Elena Dementieva, the No. 5
seed, was one of four Russian



Notre Dame's Brady Quinn suffered a concussion during Saturday's 23-15 victory over Stanford.

players ranked in the Top 20 who advanced. Other winners included Vera Zvonareva, Nadia Petro-

# Peirsol, U.S. relay set world records in Short Course

va and Elena Bovina

INDIANAPOLIS — Aaron Peirsol lowered his world record in the 200-meter backstroke Monday, then helped his American teammates set a world mark in the 400 medley relay on the closing night of the Short Course

World Championships.

Brooke Hanson of Australia
won her record sixth gold medal,
beating American Amanda Beard
in the 200 breaststroke

The United States won five of 12 finals Monday night, giving the Americans 21 victories in 40 events and 41 medals overall.

Australia was the only other country with a double-digit medal total. The Aussies earned 29, including seven gold.

Peirsol's time of 1 minute, 50.52 seconds in the backstroke bettered his mark of 1:50.64 set in March in a short course World Cup meet in East Meadow, N.Y. He also won the 100 back.

The team of Peirsol, Brendan Hansen, Ian Crocker and Jason Lezak won the relay by more than 3 esconds over Australia in 3 esconds over Australia in 3 esconds over House and State Texas in the World Cup meet in March. The Aussies finished in 3 escondance in the March and State in State 3 escondance in the March The Aussies finished in 3 escondance in the March The Aussies finished in 3 escondance in the March The Aussies finished in 3 escondance in the March The Aussies finished in September 1 escondance in the March The Aussies finished in the March The Marc

Four world records were set during the five-day meet held in a 25-meter temporary pool at Conseco Fieldhouse.

Hanson broke the gold-medal mark she shared with China's Le Jingyi (1993) and American Neil Walker (2000). She won the 200 breaststroke in 2:21.68, ahead of Beard in 2:22.53.

# Jackson says he and Bryant had a 'psychological war'

The Associated Pres

LOS ANGELES — Phil Jackson called his relationship with Kobe Bryant at times a "psychological war" and sought to trade his star guard in January, according to a diary of the former Lakers coach.

The diary of the 2003-04 season, titled "The Last Season: A Team in Search of Its Soul," will be released this month. An excerpt of the book will be published in next week's issue of Los Angeles magazine.

"I do know that there were many occasions this year when I felt like there was a psychological war going on between us," Jackson wrote. "Amazingly, we came to a truce, even to a higher level of trust. Ultimately, though, I don't believe we developed enough trust between us to win a championship."

Jackson said the strain between him and Bryant led him to hire a therapist to consult with during the season, according to the Los Angeles Times, which printed excerpts from the magazine article in its Tuesday edition.

Alyson Sadofsky, a spokeswoman for SFX Basketball Group in Washington, said Bryant would not comment on the story. Jackson wrote he became so frustrated with Bryant that he told General Manager Mitch Kupchak in January, "I won't coach this team next year if he is still here. He won't listen to anyone. I've had it with this kid."

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It was not the first time Jackson requested the team trade Bryant. He sought to trade him to the
Phoenix Suns for Jason Kidd and
Shawn Marion in the 1999-00 season. But then-general manager
Jerry West told Jackson that
owner Jerry Buss would never
trade the Lakers star, he wrote in
in dien. Leckson that the sound the search of the search of

his diary. Jackson said he was told the same thing last season. During training camp last week, Bryant said he misses Jack-

son.
"We've had our tough times, we had our share of arguments, but I've always respected him as a coach," he said.

Jackson became exasperated with the feuding between Bryant and Shaquille O'Neal.

"At times the pettiness between the two of them can be unbelievably juvenile," he wrote. Jackson wrote that Bryant was

angry that O'Neal received allowances from the Lakers organization, but that "nobody this year, or in any year I've coached, has received more 'allowances' than Kobe Bryant."

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Among those allowances was the Lakers organization's partial payment for the private jets Bryant took to Colorado for the hearings in his rape case.

Bryant complained about the kind of plane he was given to fly to Colorado, Jackson wrote, adding "He should feel fortunate that he's not footing the bill himself."

Jackson said he became conditioned to blame Bryant, even when it wasn't the player's fault.

The sexual assault charge against Bryant was dismissed last month at his accuser's request, but he still faces a lawsuit filed in Denver by the woman.

Bryant told Jackson that

Bryant told Jackson that O'Neal's presence on the team would affect his decision to stay with the Lakers, adding, "I'm tired of being a sidekick," Jackson wrote.

Bryant has said he had no role in Jackson or O'Neal's departure from the team. Jackson retired, and O'Neal was traded to the Miami Heat. Buss also said the decision to trade O'Neal was made independently of Bryant.

Jackson said he had run-ins with O'Neal as well but that coaching him was "an experience I will cherish forever."

# Return to China a business trip for Yao

The Associated Press

SHANGHAI, China — Declaring himself "here on business," hometown favorite Yao Ming joined Tracy McGrady and the rest of the Houston Rockets on Tuesday as they prepared for a pair of exhibition games against the Sacramento Kings — the first NBA games played in China.

Yao and the Rockets settled into their hotel after the long flight from the United States, but canceled a scheduled practice session after a baggage mix-up.

Yao told reporters in a packed news conference that he was happy to be home, but didn't consider his visit a social call.

"I'm here on business and I want to play well," said Yao, who was selected for Shanghai's youth team at age 14 and later played

NBA briefs for the Shanghai Sharks of the Chinese professional

league.
Houston will
play the Kings in Shanghai on

Thursday and in Beijing on Sunday.

# Blazers suspend Q. Woods

TUALATIN, Ore. — The Portland Trail Blazers suspended reserve forward Qyntel Woods without pay Tuesday pending a team investigation surrounding alleged dogfighting.

Woods' Lake Oswego home was searched Monday by Clackamas County Sheriff's deputies, acting on a warrant obtained after allegations that Woods abandoned his pit bull — reportedly because the animal would not fight for him. No criminal charges have been filed

"We are deeply disturbed by the developments in this case and we believe that suspending Qyntel is warranted and necessary," team president Steve Patterson

said in a written statement.
Dogfighting is a felony in Oregon. Promoting or conducting dogfighting is punishable by up to \$100,000 in fines and five years in itiall according to state statutes.

## Utah's Lopez out indefinitely

SALT LAKE CITY — Utah Jazz guard Raul Lopez, who missed the 2002-03 season after having a second surgery on his right knee, will be out indefinitely after bumping his leg last weekend.



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# **Playing 'dumb' costing Raiders**

# Penalties, turnovers remain despite other changes

The Associated Press

ALAMEDA, Calif. - Former coach Bill Callahan made national headlines for calling the Oakland Raiders the "dumbest team in America" last season.

With a new coach, new quarterback and plenty of new personnel, the same old problems are plaguing this team: turnovers, penalties and poor decision-making

Coach Norv Turner again spent Monday vowing to clean up things, but everybody is wondering whether it's truly possible.

Penalties have historically been as much a part of the Raiders' persona as owner Al Davis' seemingly endless supply of shiny sweatsuits, and that doesn't seem to be changing under Turner's new regime

This team is still seeing yellow Oakland (2-3) has been flagged 48 times for 335 yards, and isn't taking care of the ball, either. The Raiders have lost five of their 10 fumbles and thrown nine interceptions, seven of those by Kerry Collins in the past 21/2 games.

Since 1995, the Raiders have been among the league's top five for penalties each year, leading the NFL in 1996 and again during last season's 4-12 flop. In '96, they committed a franchise-record 156 pen-alties — a league record until Kansas City was flagged 158 times in 1998.

Last season, when the Raiders took the

worst fall of any team that played in the previous Super Bowl, Oakland was penalized 134 times for 1.120 vards.

And penalties aided the first four Indianapolis touchdown drives in the Colts 35-14 win on Sunday.

Four-time Pro Bowl cornerback Charles Woodson was reminded about Callahan's comments that came after another ugly performance in a 22-8 home loss to Denver last November that left the Raiders at 3-9.

"First of all, we're not the dumbest team, so we pass on that," Woodson said. "We're a little ways away right now. It's frustrating to lose. We're not seeming to go in the right direction at this point. We're making too many mistakes.

"This is the fifth game of the season neople can't start folding their tents. This is a tough loss against a good team, make no mistake about that. But we've got to turn it around now

Collins, who led the Giants to the 2001 Super Bowl, was picked off three times in his second start in place of injured Rich Gannon, the 2002 NFL MVP who's out with a broken vertebra in his neck.

If Collins were to stay on such a pace, which Turner insists isn't possible, he shatter the Raiders record of 30 interceptions set by Ken Stabler in 1978. No Raiders quarterback has thrown more than 16 interceptions in a sea-

enough that he's had streaks where he's gone an extended period of time where he hasn't thrown an interception, and I think we can get him to that point," Turner said. He wants to make the play because he knows if he makes it, it gives us a better chance to go score or get back in the game. You have to take something else and be a little more patient.'

Only four times in his first nine NFL seasons did Collins throw more touchdowns than interceptions.

"It bothers me to a point, but I've learned you can't dwell on the past, good or bad," Collins said. "I've gone through stretches like this before, and I played my way through it.

"We lost, so that's an F in my book."

Most of his teammates would probably

give themselves the same grade.
On third-and-3 at the Oakland 48 during the Colts' first series, defensive end Tyler Brayton jumped offside to extend the drive, which ended with James Mungro's 1-vard TD catch

Early in the second quarter, the Colts ad fourth-and-1 at the Raiders 40, and Akbar Gbaja-Biamila jumped offside to give Indianapolis a first down. On the next lay, Reggie Wayne beat Denard Walk for a 35-yard touchdown and a 14-0 lead. Gbaja-Biamila said he'd watched film on

the Colts' quick snap and assumed the ball would be snapped as soon as the center



Colts defensive back Jason David scores a touchdown on an interception thrown by Raiders quarterback Kerry Collins (5) during the fourth quarter on Sunday.

On the third play of the second half with the Raiders trailing 21-7, left guard Frank Middleton was called for holding on Amos Zereoue's 56-yard touchdown run.

Middleton disagrees with any suggestions the Raiders are playing stupid.

"We're not the only team in the league making penalties," he said. "They're not mental mistakes, they're just from playing hard. But I think right now we're trying to

# Failing on fourth down troubling Parcells

IRVING. Texas - Don't expect the Dallas Cowboys to go for it on fourth down any time soon. Coach Bill Parcells said Mon-

day that he's giving up on that sort of risk. The Cowboys failed

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twice in 26-10 loss Sunday to the New York Giants His reason-

ing: He only tries it when he has confidence in his team, and right now he abso-

"I don't really know what to ex-pect at this point," Parcells said. Parcells is fed up with how many penalties and turnovers the Cowboys (2-2) are committing, and the crucial times those mistakes and others are occurring.

It all comes down to concentration, he says. His players simply lack it, no matter how much coaches talk about it they've been talking about it a lot since training camp.

'Ouite apparently, we're not getting through to the team," Par-cells said. "It hasn't changed no matter how hard I've tried to do it, tried to emphasize it. We have periodically gotten better, but then we fall right back into the same thing."

## Dolphins might have to turn to third-string quarterback

DAVIE, Fla. - Jay Fiedler has a cracked rib, and A.J. Feelev has a concussion. So the Miami Dolnhins might be forced to turn to third-string quarterback Sage Rosenfels when they play the Buffalo Bills Sunday in a matchup of



Dolphins quarterback Jay Fiedler, right, was injured in Sunday's game

with New England, as was his replacement, A.J. Feeley.

and it made me a little loopy.

Feeley said. "I got the aches and

pains of two plays. Other than

better than [on Sunday] from a

health standpoint. We will evalu-

ate them and then see where

they're at on Wednesday morning

as far as practice and who can do

what and exactly where their

Wannstedt's only other option

is Rosenfels, a fourth-year veter-

an who has played in just six

"I'm the insurance policy," Rosenfels said. "If for some rea-

son these guys can't go, I'm going

to be ready just like I am every

"Jay and A.J. are both doing

that I'm fine.

health is."

the NFL's last two winless teams. Rosenfels has not played this

season. He is 4-for-9 for one touchdown in four NFL seasons. Fiedler first hurt his rib against the Jets on Oct. 3, then was injured again late in Sunday's 24-10 loss at New England when he was

sacked by safety Rodney Harri-"The ribs are tender right now," Fiedler said Monday. "I'll take it day by day and see how it

Feeley, who replaced Fiedler against New England, sustained a concussion on Miami's last offensive play when he was hit by linebacker Rosevelt Colvin after releasing a pass.

"I got a direct shot to the chin

Foster out 6-10 weeks CHARLOTTE, N.C. — De-Shaun Foster joined Carolina's growing list of injured offensive stars and will be out six to 10 weeks with a broken collarbone. That's devastating news for the Panthers (1-3)

After remaining fairly inju-ry-free last season en route to the NFC championship, the bumps, bruises and breaks have piled up early this year.

Star receiver Steve Smith is out indefinitely with a broken leg, top running back Stephen Davis has missed three games after knee surgery, and kick returner Rod Smart, also the No. 3 running back on the roster, is out with a knee injury.

Davis is still day to day, even after declaring only "a hurricane, maybe a tornado or something" would hold him out of Sunday's game at Denver. But when he looked just so-so in pregame warmups, the Panthers scratched him in favor of Foster.

That backfired when Foster left in the first half leaving Nick Go. ings and fullback Brad Hoover as the only able runners in Denver's 20-17 victory.

# Simms' injury gives Griese shot

TAMPA, Fla. - Brian Griese never lost faith in himself He fell out of favor in Denver

and didn't quite feel at home in his native Miami, but the 29-year-old quarterback is determined to make the most of an opportunity to rekindle his career with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

"I've been through quite a bit in my career," Griese said after learning he'll make his first start

# NFL injury update

uries to prominent NFL players, ed by team's prognosis. (See Sa's edition for complete injury re Lions: WR Roy Williams (ankle) is day-to-day but is unlikely to play on Sun-day. Redskins: S Matt Bowen (knee) is out for the season. Glants: WR Tim Carter (hip) likely is out for the season.

for the Bucs next Monday night against the St. Louis Rams, replac-

ing injured Chris Simms. Griese came off the bench to spark Sunday's 20-17 victory over the New Orleans Saints, completing 16 of 19 passes for 194 yards and a touchdown after Simms left his first pro start with a sprained

throwing shoulder

Coach Jon Gruden said Monday that Simms is day-to-day, but Griese will start against the Rams. If Simms is not healthy enough to be the backup, Brad Johnson - the starter through the first four games - will be No. 2

# 49ers' Peterson out for season

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — All-Pro linebacker Julian Peter-son will have surgery to repair his torn left Achilles' tendon Tuesday, ending his season with the San Francisco 49ers.

Whether the injury also ended his career in San Francisco is un-certain. As he left the 49ers' training complex on crutches Monday, Peterson claimed he doesn't regret rejecting a \$15 million sign-ing bonus and a lucrative long-term contract from the club last summer.

"If this team doesn't want to pay me, somebody else will," said Peterson, who sat out training camp before signing a one-year tender offer worth about \$6.1 mil-

Peterson will be placed on injured reserve this week, coach Dennis Erickson said.

# Titans, Brown rip through Packers

BY ARNIE STAPLETON

The Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis. - Lambeau Field just isn't what it used to be, and neither are the Green Bay Packers

Chris Brown ran for 148 yards and two long touchdowns, and Tennessee cruised to a 48-27 rout of the Packers on Monday night, scoring more points than any visitor ever at the famed stadium

The Titans (2-3) snapped a three-game losing streak and sent the Packers (1-4) to their fourth straight loss - Green Bay's first four-game skid since 1991.

From 1996 to 2002, Green Bay was 53-7 at home, including the postseason. The Packers lost to Atlanta in a playoff game in January 2003, starting a Lambeau slump that reached 6-7 with the loss to Tennessee.

"This is unfamiliar territory." Packers coach Mike Sherman

Only eight teams in NFL histo ry have overcome a 1.4 start to reach the playoffs, including the Titans two years ago.

"It's something you want to avoid at all costs," Titans coach

Jeff Fisher said. Tennessee scored on five of its first six possessions with Brown going in on its first two series.

from 37 and 29 yards out. "To come in here and have a chance to win, you have to run the

ball and get turnovers," Fisher The Packers had six turnovers,

including four in the second half. The Titans didn't turn the ball over at all.

"This wasn't season-saving, but it got us back on the right track, Titans safety Tank Williams said. Steve McNair (chest, ankle) re-

turned after missing Tennessee's last game, and threw two touchincluding an down passes. 11-yarder to Eddie Berlin in the third quarter after Brett Favre's

third interception Favre extended his NFL record with his 213th consecutive start, including playoffs, despite numerous injuries, including a mild concussion he suffered last week. Favre also played after the death



Titans running back Chris Brown (29) pushes Packers safety Bhawoh Jue (21) away as he breaks away for a 29-yard touchdown run in the first quarter. Brown ran for 148 yards and two scores in Tennessee's victory.

last week of his 24-year-old broth-er-in-law in an ATV accident at the family home in Mississippi.

Both teams had lost three straight, and much of the blame went to poor run defense, which showed up right away again for Green Bay as Brown carried nine times for 90 yards in the first quarter. The early deficit altered Green Bay's plan to give the Titans a steady diet of Ahman Green, who finished with just 10

carries for 33 yards. The Packers had just 5 yards

rushing in the first half. Green Bay cornerback Michael Hawthorne capped a poor first se-

ries by missing the tackle on Brown's 37-yard touchdown run. Brown made it 14-0 with a 29-yard scamper to beat the blitz on the Titans' second possession, after which Sherman chewed out his defenders on the sideline

But soon his wrath was focused on Green

The Packers' fumble-prone running back coughed up the ball at the Green Bay 34 with nose tackle Kevin Carter recovering for Tennessee Green has fumbled four

times this season. The Titans converted Green's gaffe into a 36-yard field goal that made it 17-0 with 6 minutes left in

the first quarter. The Packers never recovered.

## Monday Titans 48, Packers 27

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Monday, Oct. 18 Tampa Bay at St. Louis

# NFL calendar

Oct. 19 — Trading deadline.
Jan. 2 — Regular season ends.
Jan. 8-9 — Wild-card playoffs.
Jan. 15-16 — Divisional playoffs.
Jan. 23 — Conference Championships.
Feb. 6 — Super Bowl, Jacksonville, Fia.
Feb. 13 — Pro Bowl, Honolulu.

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# **Dodgers take positive attitude into winter**

# First playoff victory since 1988, emergence of Beltre pleases L.A.

The yearly record of the Dodgers since they won the World Se-

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The Associated Press LOS ANGELES - The Dodg-

ers made it to the postseason and won a playoff game for the first time in 16 years They hope it's only the begin-

"This experience for us as a team and the city of Los Angeles is a great start," Dodgers slugger Shawn Green said. "Once you do

it one time, you learn how to do it again, and we want to do it again. "I think it will be L.A. story

different mind-set next year. It would be incredible to go further"

Dodgers hadn't won a postseason game since ries before beating the Cardinals 4-0 on Saturday night. Since that time they had qualified twice 1995 and 1996.

There's a lot of work to be done. starting with figuring out what to do about manager Jim Tracy and candidate Adrian Beltre

Both are without contracts for next season.

"We have a lot of decisions to make as an organization," gener-al manager Paul DePodesta said Sunday night after the Dodgers' loss to the St. Louis Cardinals in the first round of the playoffs.

"There are a lot of positive things here," said the 31-year-old DePodesta, hired last winter by new Dodgers owner Frank Mc-Court, "We had an incredibly positive year and built a lot of positive momentum that we'd like to maintain going into spring

will certainly help if they

re-sign the 25-year-old Beltre, who emerged as one of baseball's top offensive players with a major league-leading 48 homers. 121 RBIs and a .334 batting average

"Belly's a huge part of this team, on the field and in the clubhouse," Green said. "He's just getting better. It's hard to imagine him having a better season than this year. But once he found it, he's going to repeat it.

Beltre earned \$5 million this season, and he'll likely get a big raise as one of

baseball's most desirable free agents. With the team's expected payroll still a mystery, it's unknown whether the Dodgwill enough flexibility to keep the third

"There's ownership here and I don't know exactly where they want to go, Beltre said, "Nobody knows.

When about Beltre, DePodesta replied: Right there at the top - that's cersomething tainly critical

DePodesta must also deal with outfielder Steve Finley and starting pitchers Odalis Perez and Jose Lima, all of whom are free agents.

Eric Gagne, one of baseball's best closers, is arbitration eligi-ble. Since he can enter the free-agent market after the 2006 season, the Dodgers might try to sign him to a long-term deal.

Then there's Tracy, who guid-ed the Dodgers to a 93-69 record this season - their hest since 1991. He has a 356-292 mark in four years on the job.

"I'm hopeful I'm going to have the opportunity to continue here,



Adrian Beltre, who had an MLB-best 48 homers this season with 121 RBIs and a .334 average, is a free agent. He will likely get a raise from the \$5 million he made in 2004. Dodgers General Manager Paul DePodesta said re-signing the 25-year-old is "certainly something critical."

Tracy said Monday, "I love the community, I love the fans. I feel very strongly that when you put the work in that myself and my coaching staff has put in over the past four years and realizing what's out there on the horizon, this has a chance to be special for

several years to come."

DePodesta said last month he honed to re-sign Tracy It was agreed that talks wouldn't begin until the season ended.

A year after having a major league-best 3.16 ERA and scoring a major league-low 574 runs, the Dodgers went in opposite directions this season with a 4.01 ERA and 761 runs. They got a franchise-record 53 come-from-behind victories and 26 wins in their last at-bat

Starting pitching was their biggest problem, especially late in the season. That was illustrated against the Cardinals when Perez failed to get through the third inning in each of his two starts and Jeff Weaver didn't survive the fifth in his outing.

Lima, a journeyman who signed a minor league contract last winter and wasn't a member of the rotation until midseason, pitched a five-hit shutout against the Cardinals in Game 3 and wants to come back. Considering his presence in the clubhouse and popularity with fans, he seems a bargain at whatever price he com



Manager Jim Tracy led the Dodgers to a 93-69 record — their best since 1991. He is 356-292 in four years in L.A. and is not under contract for next season.

Hideo Nomo, exceptional in 2002-2003, didn't get the job done this season and almost surely won't return. The erratic Kazuhisa Ishii is under contract for next year, but can hardly be counted on despite winning 13 games this season. He was left off the playoff roster.

DePodesta was heavily criticized for the trade deadline deal that sent popular catcher Paul Lo Duca, setup man Guillermo Mota and outfielder Juan Encarnacion for starter Brad Penny, who wound up on the sideline because of irritation of a nerve in his pitching arm

As it turned out, DePodesta's belief that the Dodgers needed an ace for the starting rotation certainly proved correct but Penny couldn't fulfill the role because of his injury.

He was terrific in his first start allowing two hits in eight shutout innings, but was injured early in his second, on Aug. 8. An attempted late-season comeback failed.

"I'm proud of what we did do," Gagne said. "It's been a great year and we've got to learn from it. It's been amazing. This team is amazing. You look at the talent. and we're good on paper. But our heart was huge.

"We've just got to remember that feeling next year and get back to it."

# D-backs lining up managerial candidates

BY BOR BAILM

The Associated Press

PHOENIX - Bob Melvin spoke to the Arizona Diamondbacks about becoming the team's manager on Monday, joining Mark Grace and Al Pedrique as tho se interviewed for the job

General manager Joe Garagiola Jr. said in terviews are scheduled for three others, and he expects to talk with two more

Manny Acta, third base coach for the Montreal Expos, will be interviewed on Tuesday: Wally Backman, manager for Arizona's Class A team in Lancaster, Calif., on Wednesday; and Jamie Quirk, bench coach of the Colorado Rockies, on Thursday.

The Diamondbacks also have permission to peak with Texas Rangers first base coach De-Marlo Hale and bench coach Joe Maddon of the Anaheim Angels

Garagiola said he had not scheduled interviews with either of them, but hoped to do so soon. He said he had vet to talk to Maddon to measure his interest in the Arizona job.

"I'm hopeful that by the end of the week we will feel we've got a group that we can make some recommendations to ownership on," Garagiola said

Melvin served as Arizona manager Bob Brenly's bench coach in 2000 and in the World Series championship season of 2001 then left to replace Lou Piniella as manager of the Seattle Mariners.

The Mariners went 93-69 in 2002, but faded to 63-99 this year, and Melvin was fired the day after the season ended.

"We were interested in asking him about his experiences as manager, and what were the positives that he took from that," Garagiola said. "It was another good session

Grace, who retired as a player after the

Arizona's games this year, repeatedly has expressed his desire to manage in the major

Brenly was the team's television analyst when he was hired to replace the fired Buck Showalter, But unlike Grace, Brenly had experience as a major league coach

Asked about Grace's lack of experience as either a coach or manager, Garagiola said: You can neither discount it, nor is it an automatic disqualifier. If it was a disqualifier, we wouldn't have interviewed him."

Pedrique, who began the year as Arizona's third base coach, took over as manager for the remainder of the season after Brenly was fired on July 2. The injury-ravaged Diamondbacks went on to lose 111 games, tied for eighth-most in baseball history.

Jeff Moorad, a prominent player agent, officially takes over as the team's Diamondbacks' chief executive officer on Friday.



Bob Melvin was fired last week after his second season in Seattle after the Mariners fell from 93-69 in 2003 to 63-99 this year.

He's proba-

# A-Rod at home in middle of ALCS rivalry SS Larkin

By MIKE FITZPATRICK

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Alex Rodriguez almost ended up wearing a Boston uniform. Instead, he's the proudest player in pinstripes

Funny how it happened. Baseball's best all-around player appeared headed to the Red Sox before a trade fell through in December. The New York Yankees swooped in and pulled off a blockbuster deal with Texas, acquiring him for All-Star second baseman Alfonso Soriano

A\_Rod shifted from shortston to third base so he could play alongside Derek Jeter, and has been at the center of the Yankees-Red Sox storm ever since

Now he's just glad he landed on this side of the rivalry.

"Without a question, it was a huge blessing in disguise," Rodriguez said Monday as New York prepared to face Boston in the AL Championship Series, "Never in my wildest dreams did I think I'd be in pinstripes."

His most important moments are vet to come, beginning Tuesday night at Yankee Stadium against Red Sox ace Curt Schill-ing in Game 1. After watching from home as New York beat Bos-



Rodriguez

of the year. He went 8-for-19 (.421) with a home run, three doubles and three RRIs to lead the Yankees past the Minnesota

Twins in the first round. Best of all, he excelled in clutch situations after batting only .248 with runners in scoring position

during the regular season.
"He can make so many things happen, because he possesses so much ability in every aspect of the game," Yankees manager Joe Torre said. "Not everybody can do what he does. I mean, every di-

With the Yankees in danger of going down 0-2. Rodriguez hit a tying double in the 12th inning Wednesday, sparking New York to a comeback victory

He manufactured the go-ahead run all by himself in the 11th inning of Game 4, when he doubled down the left-field line, stole third and scored on a wild pitch. The Yankees advanced with a 6-5

"You could see just when he went up to the box to hit ... there was that look in his eye," Torre said. "When he got on base, it just looked like he had a determination that something was going to

happen. eneral Manager Theo Epstein had a deal all worked out last offslugger Manny season -Ramirez would be shipped to the Rangers for Rodriguez, who would take over at shortstop in Boston once Nomar Garcianarra

was traded. But the players' union vetoed a proposal to restructure Rodriguez's record \$252 million, 10-year contract, and the deal fell apart.

That opened the door for the op-portunistic Yankees, always willing to spend. After Boone injured his left

knee playing pickup basketball in January, New York jumped in and traded for A-Rod on Feb. 16. Desperate to play for a winning

am, he happily agreed to move to third base, replacing Boone, who was later released. It was another bitter blow for

"It feels like it was five to 10 ears ago," Rodriguez said. don't really care what Red Sox

fans are thinking." Rodriguez had a tough time in New York, though, Under scrutiny all year, the reigning AL MVP hit .286 with 36 homers, 106 RBIs and 28 stolen bases, subpar num-

bers for him. He did make an impressive transition to third base, committing only 13 errors. And he and Jeter appeared to become fast friends again, often needling each other in the dugout.

"It's been fun for us," Jeter said. "We've enjoyed it because we've been successful, but we're not where we want to be yet."

Tormented by fans at Fenway

Park, Rodriguez went 1-for-17 during a four-game series in April. Then he got into a fight with Boston catcher Jason Varitek in July. But Rodriguez bounced back to finish the season with three homers and nine RBIs

against the Red Sox, batting .306. "I'm glad he's hot, It's a lot better to watch him than facing him Yankees reliever Tanyon Sturtze said. "He's so knowledgeable. I just think he's a let go by Reds after 19 seasons

Thursday, October 14, 2004

BY JOE KAY The Associated Press

CINCINNATI - Barry Larkin will not be offered another con-tract by the Cincinnati Reds, ending his 19-year career with his hometown team, he told The Associated Press on Tuesday.

The shortstop said he was informed of the team's decision in a phone call earlier in the day.

"Nothing really surprises me anymore," Larkin said from his home in Orlando, Fla.

Larkin, 40, grew up in Cincinnati and spent his entire career with the Reds, developing into one of the most prominent players in their history. He helped the team win a World Series in 1990 and won the NL's Most Valuable Player award in 1995, the last time the Reds made the playoffs.

Injuries had limited him in recent years, and he decided to make the 2004 season his last. But a good season - he hit .289 and made the All-Star team — prompted him to reconsider and ask for

one more season He had an inkling the club wasn't going to make an offer when the front office decided not to talk about contracts with its free agents until after the season. He made sure to tell teammates and fans goodbye on the final day of the season, just in case the

Reds didn't want him back. Larkin was willing to discuss a role as a backup infielder with the Reds, working to develop its young shortstops. The club evi-

dently wasn't interested. The Reds had no immediate

comment, but scheduled a news conference for Tuesday.

"It wasn't pleasant," Larkin said of the Reds' decision. "But it

is what it is. It's definitely disap-pointing. I have decisions to make Larkin, who becomes a free

agent, isn't sure whether he wants to play one more year for another team and finish his career in a different uniform.

"I have to see what opportunities present themselves, if there's anything that makes sense," he said.

Larkin said the Reds told him that they want to develop young shortstops Anderson Machado and Felipe Lopez rather than

bring him back. Machado replaced Larkin after the third inning of a season-ending 2-0 loss to Pittshurgh at Great American Ball Park, giving fans one final chance to applaud him. Larkin thanked fans over the public address system and lobbied for one more season in Cincin-

nati He wasn't surprised that it didn't happen.

"I left Cincinnati in a pretty good situation, actually," Larkin said. "The last year I played there was a great year. It was a tough because basically last month. they didn't let me play the last month. I made the All-Star team played well and played hard. I did what I could do.

# Rivera attends funeral, hops plane for N.Y.

By JUAN ZAMORANO The Associated Press

PUERTO CAIMITO, Panama Mariano Rivera wept, sang and prayed Tuesday at the funeral for two family members who died at his house, and he later raced to catch a private jet to return to New York for Game 1 of the Yankees-Red Sox pennant se-

The star reliever broke out in ars as a choir sang hymns at the God of the Prophecy Church near his home in this fishing village 40 miles from Panama City.

"I appreciate the support I have been given," he told The Associated Press before leaving for the airport. "Life continues and I have to attend to my work.'

A private iet carrying Rivera left Panama City at about 2:30 p.m. (3:30 p.m. EDT). Commercial flights to New York City usu ally take about 4½ hours. That would have him landing shortly before the 8:19 EDT start of the

The cousin of Rivera's wife Clara, died along with his 14-year-old son Saturday at Rivera's house. Officials said Victor Dario Avila and his son were electrocuted, apparently when an electrical cable fell into the water as the younger Avila was in the pool and his father tried to save him

On Tuesday, Rivera first visited the zinc-roofed house where a vigil was held around the bodies, then rode with Avila's wife in a funeral procession of about 100 people along a gravel street to the Evangelical church.

There, in a building he had helped build, Rivera sang fer-vently and, standing alongside his wife, raised his hands in

al under a hot sun at the town cemetery, where he exchanged greetings with townsfolk amid

great hitter."

Yankees manager Joe Torre said Monday that he wasn't counting on Rivera's return for the start of the AL championship series: "If he's here tomorrow, wonderful," Torre said. "If he's not, then we understand that,' Rivera isn't back, Torre

said, Tom Gordon would be the closer. Gordon has been Rivera's primary setup man this season, going 9-4 with a 2.21 ERA and four saves in 80 appearances.

# Dodgers' Ventura leaves like he played: quietly

LOS ANGELES - Robin Ventura retired in a fashion befitting his 16-year career - timely and with little fanfare Ventura told teammates of his decision last week, but waited

until the Dodgers' postseason run ended Sunday night to make his announcement public. "I'm absolutely positive. I've re

alized that it's time to go, and that's it," Ventura said after the Los Angeles Dodgers lost to St. Louis 6-2, eliminating them from the NL playoffs. Ventura, 37, played nine years

with the Chicago White Sox, two with the New York Mets and 21/2 with the Yankees before finishing with 11/2 seasons in Los Angeles -less than 200 miles from where he grew up.

He was used mostly in a utility role with the Dodgers, hitting .243 with five homers and 28 RBIs in 152 at-hats this season. He hit two grand slams - raising his career total to 18. That's tied with Willie McCovey for the

MIR briefs baseball history, behind Lou Gehrig (23) Eddie and Murray (19).

Ventura, a .267 career hitter leaves with 294 home runs 1 182 RBIs and six Gold Gloves for his work at third base

"I've been fortunate in the four ears I've managed in the big leagues to be around some very professional people," Dodgers manager Jim Tracy said Monday. 'Robin Ventura transcends about every possible thing you can think of when it comes to professionalism.

Ventura said the limitations of an arthritic right ankle played a role in his decision.

### Bonds has knee surgery SAN FRANCISCO - Barry

Ronds underwent arthroscopic surgery on his left knee Tuesday and is expected to be at full strength when the San Francisco Giants open spring training in

slugger underwent a 20-minute arthritis cleanup procedure performed by Dr. Art Ting at the Fremont Surgery Center. Bonds, 40, told the team he first

felt pain Oct. 4, the day after the season ended, and he didn't want the injury to affect his offseason training. Giants trainer Stan Conte said

would take three to six weeks for Bonds to rehabilitate the knee and he should be able to begin his offseason workouts in November

# Vizquel's \$5M option declined

CLEVELAND - The Cleveland Indians declined to pick up Omar Vizquel's \$5 million con tract option for next season, making him eligible to become a free agent when the World Series

"This step is a mere formality and does not impact the process in re-signing Omar Vizquel." Indians General Manager Mark Shapiro said Tuesday. "It does not lessen our hope or desire in bring-

The 37-year-old shortstop has said he wants to return for a 12th season in Cleveland, but the Indians are targeting a starting pitch-

The Indians will pay Vizquel's \$1 million buyout and could sign him to a new deal or enter salary arbitration with him by Dec. 7.

### Reds extend Miley's contract through 2006 CINCINNATI -

 Manager Dave Miley got a long-awaited show of confidence Monday from the Cincinnati Reds' front office, which extended his contract through the 2006 season.

Miley, 42, had little security when he took over for the fired Bob Boone in July 2003. He finished that season as the interim manager, then got only a one-year extension with a club option for 2005.

The Reds had the best record in the NL last June before the pitching staff imploded and injuries gutted the starting lineup.

Cincinnati finished 76-86

# **Baseball's perfect host weary of role**

# Atlanta eliminated from playoffs at home for fifth straight season

BY CHARLES ODUM

The Associated Pres

ATLANTA - Those who criticized the Atlanta Braves for cashing in on only one of five World Seappearances in the 1990s should at least give those teams credit for making it that far.

The Braves of the 2000s can only dream of a World Series loss. With Monday night's 12-3 loss

to the Houston Astros in Game 5, the Braves have been eliminated in the NL Division Series in three consecutive years and four of five. And while the Braves made

this playoff series interesting with a gritty Game 4 comeback in Houston on Sunday, that road resolve only set up the home fans for more misery. For a fifth straight year, Atlanta fans watched a visiting team celebrate after eliminating the Braves.

"The older guys don't want to sit there and watch it," said third baseman Chipper Jones, one of the team's veterans. "It's old hat; we've been through it before Guvs like Chucky [Thomas] and Adam [LaRoche], they need to feel that sting. That will motivate them in the offseason."

The 2003 Cubs, 2002 Giants and 2000 Cardinals clinched their first-round wins in Atlanta, and Arizona wranned un its 2001 NL pennant at Turner Field.

The Braves' first season Turner Field was 1997, and in seven of their eight years in "The Ted" the Braves have been eliminated from the postseason at home. The lone exception was 1999, when the Braves were swept in the World Series by the Yankees, and Game 4 was played in New York.

The Braves are 4-12 in their last 16 home postseason games, including a 1-2 home record in this series.

Jaret Wright lost for the second time in the series. Though he had been through the postseason grind before with Cleveland in 1997 he said the nain was new and unique.

"It's never fun to lose," Wright said. "To go out there and lay it on the line, you can't describe it."

Wright gave up four runs and six hits in 51/3 innings.



Atlanta Braves players, from left, Dewayne Weis, Wilson Betemit and Travis Smith look dejected during Monday's playoff loss in Atlanta.

"Trying to shut down a team like that is a tough job," he said. 'We gave it all we had.

Reliever Chris Reitsma gave up four runs and four hits in twothirds of an inning, leaving him with an 18.00 ERA for the series.

"It doesn't feel good." Reitsma "It's frustrating to come to point and lose. It's a pretty bad feeling."

The Braves, who have at times played before empty seats in the playoffs in recent years, can't blame their fans for lack of support Monday. A Turner Field sellout crowd of 54 068 showed up the second-largest crowd in Atlanta history, but Braves' fans had few occasions to chant and chon their familiar red foam toma-

The Braves' 13th consecutive division flag has been mounted in left field, but the division dynasty was again reduced to postseason rubble as the wild-card Astros won their first postseason series.

"It just doesn't seem fitting for the postseason to end like this,' Jones said.

# Launch: Team full of B's gets all A's in Game 5

The Bums won on their eighth try in the 1955 World Series. Houston jumped ahead 3-0 on Jaret Wright, with Beltran homering in the third. The Brayes had the big crowd roaring in the fifth when Rafael Furcal and Johnny Estrada hit solo homers, but Beltran hit a drive off Wright that just cleared the right-field wall leading off the sixth.

Wright also was the loser in Game 1, putting a damper on his 15-win comeback season.

The Astros finished off the Braves in the seventh, scoring five runs with two outs. Chris Reitsma gave up RBI singles to Big gio and Beltran before Bagwell launched a mammoth two-run homer into the left-field seats. Jeff Kent added an RBI single off Tom Martin for a 9-2 lead.

Roy Oswalt, pitching on three days' rest for the second time this season, made it through five innings for his first postseason win. He threw 111 pitches, the Braves helping out by stranding seven

Bagwell and Biggio, who took much of the blame for Houston's past futility, silenced their critics. Biggio was 8-for-20 (.400) with a homer and four RBIs in the se ries. Bagwell was 7-for-22 (.318) with two homers and five RBIs. No one was better than Beltran

 — 10-for-22 (.455) with eight RBIs, capped by a two-run single in the eighth.



Houston Astros' Carlos Beltrar celebrates his second home run of Game 5 Monday in Atlanta.

"When I played in Kansas City, a lot of people didn't know who I was," he said. "But as soon as I was traded to Houston, people started realizing who I was

The Astros underachieved much of the season, Phil Garner took over as manager at the All-Star break, and Houston had to win 36 of its last 46 games just to get the wild card

Not a bad formula, actually. Last year, the Florida Marlins fired their manager during the season, got into the playoffs as a second-place team and went on beat the New York Yankees in the World Series

Furcal tried to spark the Braves with eight hits, two homers, five runs and three stolen es in the series. Of course, he had plenty of in-

centive, facing a 21-day jail sentence for his second DUI arrest.

The judge delayed the sentence until the day after the Brayes' season ended, so Furcal reports to jail Tuesday.

# Friends mourn Caminiti: cause of death uncertain

BY PAM EASTON The Associated Press

HOUSTON — Ken Caminiti's struggles both on and off the field kept the former National League Most Valuable Player fighting. but he had managed to survive them all — including a drug charge three years ago

Caminiti's death of an apparent heart attack over the weekend shocked friends and former teammates who believed the former Houston Astros slugger was turning his life around

"He had a lot of setbacks, but he was a person who always overcame adversity," Terry Yates Caminiti's lawyer, said Monday. "He was a person who was al-

ways positive and had a positive outlook on life." Yates stood next to Caminiti

last week as the ex-athlete admitted testing positive for cocaine. Caminiti's agent-lawyer,

Licht, said the three-time All-Star third baseman died of an apparent heart attack Sunday in New York City. But the process of confirming an exact cause of death could take as long as 10 days. The city medical examiner's office performed an autopsy Monday but could not rule on a cause of death until toxicology tests were complete, spokeswoman Ellen Borakove said

Caminiti was optimistic about his future and planned to pursue some development projects in Montana, Yates said, and was also talking with the San Diego Padres about returning to the organi-

The slugger's sentence of 180

zation, possibly as a coach.

days in jail, ordered by State District Judge William Harmon, allowed for his release last Tuesday. He already had served 189 days behind bars and in a drug treatment center since he received deferred adjudication for felony cocaine possession in March 2001

Caminiti was convicted of the felony charge because of the pro bation violation. He had failed four drug tests during his probation, which began in 2002

"Ken had been with us Wednes day afternoon and when he left he was upbeat in a good mood and anxious to come back to Hous ton so we could figure some things out regarding his future er lawyer, Kent Schaffer,

Astros star Jeff Bagwell reflected on the report that it was a heart attack that killed his friend

"That's where it starts - his heart." Bagwell told the Houston Chronicle in Tuesday's editions. "One of the biggest attributes Ken had is his heart ... How our relationship developed, and all the great things that he's meant to my life. I think if you start with his heart and how great a person he was, that's a good way to re-member him."

"We are truly saddened by the death of Ken," Astros owner Dray-ton McLane said. "We admired him for his accomplishments and the respect he gained with his teammates because of his passion for playing the game of baseball

We all rooted hard for Ken on the field, and we rooted equally hard for him in overcoming his problems off the field.

## Baseball scoreboard

# MLB playoffs

DIVISION SERIES
American League
New York vs. Minnesota 2, New York 0
Wednesday, Oct. 5
New York 7, Minnesota 6, 12 inr
Friday, Oct. 8
New York 8, Minnesota 4 Friday, Oct. 8
New York 8, Minnesota 4
Saturday, Oct. 9
New York 6, Minnesota 5, 11 innings, New
York wins series 3-1

New York 6, Minnesota 5, 11 in fork wins series 3-1 Anaheim vs. Boston Tuesday, Oct. 5 Boston 9, Anaheim 3 Wednesday, Oct. 6 

National League St. Louis vs. Los Angeles Tuesday, Oct. 5

Tuesday, Oct. 5
St. Louis 8, Los Angeles 3
Thursday, Oct. 7
St. Louis 8, Los Angeles 3
Saturday, Oct. 9
Los Angeles 4, St. Louis 0
Sunday, Oct. 10
St. Louis 6, Los Angeles 2, St. Lois 3-1

St. Louis 6, Los Anglees 2, St. Lolies 3-1

Atlanta vs. Houston Wednesday, Oct. 6

Houston 9, Atlanta 3

Atlanta 4, Houston 2, 11 innings

Saturday, Oct. 7

Houston 8, Atlanta 5

Sunday, Oct. 10

Atlanta 6, Houston 5, Cond.

Sunday, Oct. 10 Atlanta 6, Houston 5 Monday, Oct. 11 Houston 12, Atlanta 3, Houstor 3-2

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

American League

Tuesday, oct. 12

Boston (Schilling 21-6) at New York (Mr. na 12-9)

Friday, Oct. 15 New York (Brown 10-6) at Rr

10-9)

Saturday, Oct. 16

New York (Hernandez 8-2 or 1-10) at Boston (Wakefield 12-10)

New York at Boston, if necessary

Boston at New York, if necessary

Boston at New York, if necessary

National League

Work at Boston, if necessary

National League

Houston at St. Louis

Houston at St. Louis

Thursday, ...
Houston at St. Louis
Saturday, Oct. 16
St. Louis at Houston
Sunday, Oct. 17 St. Louis at Houston
St. Louis at Houston
Monday, Oct. 18
St. Louis at Houston, If necessary
Wednesday, Oct. 20
Houston at St. Louis, If necessary
Thursday, Oct. 21
St. Touis, If necessary

St. Louis, if necess
WORLD SERIES
Saturday, Oct. 23
ague at American
Sunday NI at Al Tuesday, Oct. 26

At at NI Wednesday, Oct. 27 Thursday, Oct. 28 At at NI if r ecessary Saturday, Oct. 30 NL at AL, if necessary Sunday, Oct. 31

### Monday Astros 12. Braves 3 HOUSTON ATLANTA

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Gryboski <sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> 0

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TMartin <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> 2

JuCruz <sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> 4

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# **SPORTS**



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# **Successful launch**

# Astros blast Braves in first playoff series win

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — The journey was long, with plenty of discouraging setbacks along the way.

The last step was easy

The Houston Astros finally won a postseason series in their 43rd vear, shaking off the burden of seven playoff losses with a 12-3 rout of the Atlanta Braves on Monday night.

The newest Killer B, Carlos Beltran, hit two more homers and had five RBIs in the deciding fifth game of the first-round NL series.

With that, Houston got to experience all the trappings of postsea son success: the group hug on the pitcher's mound, the sweet taste of champagne in the clubhouse.

"We feel comfortable with our team," said Beltran, an impending free agent acquired from Kansas City in June. "The past is in the past. We win, we move on.'

The triumph was especially satisfying for Jeff Bagwell and Craig Biggio, the heart of the Killer B's for more than a decade and part of the last four playoff series losses

Three of those times, Houston's season ended with a loss to the

"We've been through a lot here, Craig and I and this organization. Bagwell said. "This is a big relief for us."

Beltran homered four times in the series, breaking the Houston postseason record. In a poignant note, the mark was formerly held by Ken Caminiti, who spent 10 asons with the Astros.

Caminiti died Sunday of an apparent heart attack at age 41 news that hit his former teammates especially hard.

"I think I felt his spirit out

there," Biggio said.
"I know he's smiling somewhere," Bagwell added.

The clubhouse celebration was rather muted for a team that has endured so much postseason dis-appointment. The Astros enjoyed soaking their owner, Drayton McLane, but didn't appear satisfied with winning one playoff se

Next up for the wild-card Astros is a matchup against Central Division rival St. Louis in the NL Championship Series starting Wednesday night at Busch Stadi-

After squandering a three-run lead at home in Game 4, the Astros had the series right where they wanted it.

Atlanta has lost Game 5 of the division series three years in a row — all at Turner Field. The second-largest crowd in franchise history, 54,068, saw another familiar ending.



Houston Astros players celebrate defeating the Atlanta Braves 12-3 in Game 5 to win their National League Division Series in Atlanta on Monday. It was the Astros' first series victory in their 43-year history.

John Smoltz hopes it won't diminish the perception of a team that was picked to finish no better than third in the NL East.

"For one night, it's a very terrible feeling," the Atlanta closer said. "When you break down this team, it was a really remarkable

The team that proudly displays 13 straight division titles still has only one World Series to show for it. It marked the fifth straight year that the Braves' season ended at the Ted.

This one was especially dismal,

equaling the worst postseason loss in franchise history

The Astros exorcised their play-off demons, matching the Brooklyn Dodgers for most series losses before getting their first postseason victory.

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Packers in trouble after third straight loss at Lambeau Field Page 36



Yao returns home to lead Rockets in first NBA games played in China





Islanders' Loving part of Okinawa's most potent backfield combo

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